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## VOTE UNITED FRONT IN STATE ELECTIONS!

### S. F. Labor Supports C. S. Repeal

#### BAY WORKERS UNITE AGAINST REACTIONARIES

#### Five Labor Councils In C.S. Repeal Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Unanimous endorsement of the initiative petition campaign to repeal the California Criminal Syndicalism Act was voted here last night by the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

The council concurred in the resolution which had been introduced by Machinists' Union, Local 68.

With the adoption of this resolution, complete solidarity of organized labor in the Bay District for repeal of this anti-labor statute was achieved.

The Central Labor Councils of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Solano counties have already endorsed the petition campaign.

The broadest people's movement in the history of California is being mobilized to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act. New organizations are daily affiliating with the California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act, it is reported.

Feature of the San Francisco campaign will be a city-wide mobilization of circulators on Saturday, May 23rd, when hundreds of trade unionists, liberals, radicals, and progressives will canvass the city obtaining signatures to the repeal petitions.

Approximately 240 organizations have affiliated to the State Conference thus far, and many more are expected to join in the campaign to repeal this anti-labor law and to free the eight Sacramento victims of this law.

The cases of the three women prisoners, Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin and Lorine Norman, are expected to come before the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles within a few days for a setting of exact terms on their 1-14 years sentences. The State Conference calls for a renewed drive to demand that the board set the minimum terms for these prisoners, meaning immediate and unconditional freedom.

Post cards, bearing pictures of the three women, and addressed to the State Board, are available at the State Conference offices, 68 Haight street, and at the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West Second street, Room 326, Los Angeles.

#### Court Gives Break To Sailors' Foes

SAN FRANCISCO—Superior Judge Elmer E. Robinson ignored the request of Aaron Sapiro, Sailors Union of the Pacific counsel that trial on the legality of the revocation of the S. U. P. charter by the international I.S.U. officials be held at an early date. Instead Judge Robinson set the trial date for June 15th, after the hearing of the I. S. U. Executive Board is held in Chicago.

It is expected that the charter will be revoked a second time at the Chicago hearing. Sapiro stated that the international board members were not entitled to conduct such a hearing, in view of the fact that they were "elected" after the S. U. P. charter was revoked.

#### What Is the C. P. Election Stand?

Launching a vigorous election campaign, the Communist Party of San Francisco will hold an open meeting next Thursday, May 14, at 8:30 p.m., in the auditorium of 121 Haight street.

Bill Schneiderman, district organizer of the Communist Party will speak on "The platform of the C. P. in the 1936 elections and its relations to the Building of a Farmer-Labor Party."

Harry Carlisle, editor of the Western Worker, will speak on "The Role of the Press in the Elections."

Questions and answers will follow.

Communist Party nominees will be introduced: Anita Whitney and Laurence Ross, candidates for Congress; James Tracy, James Garrison, and Elaine Black, candidates for State Assembly.

Admission is free. Trade unionists, EPIC and Townsend supporters are urged to attend.

#### RELIEF FUNDS CRISIS GROWS

#### Large Counties Must Provide Money

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 11.—A special session of the Legislature may be called to provide funds for unemployment relief, it was hinted here today.

The State Relief Commission met here Saturday and decided that Los Angeles, San Francisco and Alameda Counties must provide funds for local relief from May 15 to June 1.

Assuming the counties would be unable to do this, Governor Frank E. Merriam prepared for the special session which may be held on either of three dates, Monday, May 18; Tuesday, May 19, or Monday, May 25.

Meanwhile Frank Y. McLaughlin, state WPA administrator, went ahead with plans to pare WPA rolls of thousands needed in agricultural districts. It is generally admitted now that the "prevailing" average wage for this type of work will be 20 cents an hour and that workers will be forced to work from 10 to 15 or 16 hours a day in order to earn a bare living wage.

Preliminary investigations have substantiated this fact.

#### PREVAILING WAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Public sentiment and the nearness of elections have forced President Roosevelt and WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to give at least lip service to the prevailing wage clause of the \$1,425,000,000 "deficiency appropriation" bill for work relief.

The prevailing wage clause was inserted into the bill in the form of an amendment by the House and approved by that body.

Another amendment suggested by the House would force non-citizens to produce documentary evidence of legal entry before they would be eligible for relief.

Republican stand-patters repeated charges that relief is "demoralizing the citizenry." This, despite the fact that the new bill offers even less than the near-starvation level now provided.

#### CHARGES STARVATION

Vito Marcantonio, author of the Relief Works Standard Act, the only measure introduced that would take care of the immediate needs of all the unemployed, declared the Democratic majority has retreated before threats of reactionaries. He pointed out (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

#### League Seeks Delay

#### PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENTS BEING FORMED IN FRANCE-SPAIN

Haile Sellassie, from his sanctuary in Jerusalem, has affirmed his determination to continue his fight against Italy. He has communicated with the League of Nations demanding full support and the enforcement of collective securities to which Ethiopia, as a member of the League, is entitled.

Mussolini has informed the League that Italy has annexed Ethiopia.

League Council leaders, in secret conferences, have moved for a month's postponement of all action on Italy's aggression and Germany's denunciation of World War treaties.

Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Finland and Spain have taken a firm stand for continuation of sanctions against Italy.

Italian spokesmen declared that only by engaging in war with Italy can the League nations contest her annexation of the African Kingdom. They expressed confidence that no such steps would be taken.

#### EYES ON GERMANY

Meanwhile, official eyes rest uneasily upon Nazi Germany where economic disaster threatens unless Hitler can obtain substantial loans abroad. Every resource of the country has been strained in the building of a war machine as yet incomplete. It is for completion of this war machine and the launching of an invasion of the U. S. S. R. that Hitler seeks funds. Failure to obtain the needed money may result in desperate acts of aggression, observers feel.

#### FRANCE AND SPAIN

Leon Blum, French socialist leader, announces he will form a People's Front government when the Chamber of Deputies convenes June 1. Communists affirm they will not participate in this government but will give their support to the Socialists.

Communists and Socialists in Spain swarmed the streets in united demonstrations of victory at the announcement that Manuel Azana had been elected President. (More Foreign News on Page Five.)

#### COTTON PICKER TO AID FARMER

#### Richter, 21, Faces Return to Nazis

NEW YORK CITY.—Otto Richter, 21-year-old political refugee, who fled from Nazi Germany the night of the Reichstag fire and came to the United States to escape death or imprisonment at the hands of the Brown Shirts, has been notified by the Department of Labor that he is to be deported to Germany May 15th on the charge of "illegal entry."

Since coming to this country he has married an American-born girl from whom he would be separated if deported to Germany. Richter will undoubtedly be met with death or imprisonment if deported.

The Department of Labor has refused to consider Richter's case as a "hardship case" and is determined to separate him from his American wife.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born requests that protests against Richter's deportation be directed immediately to Commissioner of Immigration MacCormack and Secretary of Labor Perkins, both at Washington, D. C.

#### 300 STRIKE PITTSBURGH BAKERY

PITTSBURGH.—300 workers of the Haller Baking Co. have struck against unbearable conditions. They report shifts as long as 19½ hours.

#### CONVENTION HEARS RYAN GET BLASTED

#### Gulf Leader Tells of Scab Work; Minutes Handled Queerly

#### BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO.—The I. L. A. District convention was instructed by Joseph P. Ryan to seat A. H. Peterson "Pedro Pete", international organizer and vice-president of the I. L. A. The convention seated him after affirming its adherence to the principles of the I. L. A. but pointing out it was opposed to the policies under the leadership of Ryan and to representation by Peterson.

Resolution No. 9 on the Farmer Labor Party was voted down by the convention. The resolution on Junior Unions was passed.

The convention is proceeding slowly, with the progressive delegates, particularly San Francisco, answering charges of filibustering by making proposals of night meetings and extended sessions to bring the convention to a close.

Last Thursday night the membership of the San Pedro local demanded to hear Bridges at a meeting, and gave him huge applause after he had been obliquely attacked by Lewis and Morris.

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#### Crane Conscious Through Pain of Appendix Removal

#### SAN QUENTIN PRISON.

May 11.—Jack Crane, Sacramento victim of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, was operated on by Dr. Stanley, prison surgeon, here last Tuesday, with only a spinal injection which didn't work!

Screaming for 45 minutes under intense pain, Crane felt every knife-cut that removed his appendix and adhesions to his stomach and gall-bladder.

When the spinal injection didn't take effect, Dr. Stanley did not give Crane a general anesthetic, as is customarily done.

Two days after the operation Crane was given the regulation beef stew of the prison, which he was unable to eat.

However, he is reported recovering rapidly from the operation. The original diagnosis in his case of stomach ulcers, proved to be wrong, and instead an extremely enlarged appendix was found to be causing his ill health.

The California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act sent the following telegram to Crane:

"The half-million membership represented in this conference sends you heartiest greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery. We pledge our continued support to you and your seven comrades. Yesterday the San Francisco Central Labor Council endorsed repeal campaign."

### EPIC - CALLED CONVENTION UNANIMOUS FOR COOPERATION WITH NATION-WIDE FARMER - LABOR PARTY ORGANIZATIONS

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—Taking an important step toward independent political action, the State Political Conference called by the End Poverty League yesterday voted overwhelmingly to cooperate with Farmer-Labor Party movements throughout the country and for putting forward United Front candidates in the coming State and Congressional elections.

Epics, however, were not committed by this decision to break with the Democratic Party in the August Primaries.

#### ST. PAUL MEET STEP TO NAT'L LABOR PARTY

#### Farm-Labor Party of Minn. Issues Call For Conference

ST. PAUL, Minn.—(EP)—A national Farmer-Labor Party is on the way!

Immediate steps for formation of the new country-wide third political group, whose fundamental object will be "an economy of abundance rather than an economy of scarcity," were taken by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association in St. Paul as it called for a conference at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, May 30 and 31.

The conference, which is expected to be attended by 75 or 85 authoritative spokesmen for labor, farm and progressive organizations throughout the United States, will not discuss consideration of a third party presidential candidate in 1936, the call issued by the association announced. Its immediate objectives, however, will be:

#### FOR NATIONAL PARTY

1.—Formation of a national Farmer-Labor Party.

2.—Aid in the formation of local and state Farmer-Labor parties.

3.—Aid to local, state and congressional campaigns of Farmer-Labor parties.

4.—Cohesion of all labor, farmer and progressive groups for the purpose of building the national party and making it a strong political factor.

The issuance of the call, which bore the approval of the Minnesota party's state central committee and Gov. Floyd B. Olson, is in conformity with a resolution passed at the annual convention of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party at St. Paul in March.

Minnesota Farmer-Labor leaders are convinced of the necessity of a national third party which will seek fundamental changes rather than palliative reforms. Its objective would be a social and economic order which could pass along the benefits of increased production to the mass of the American people, and the defeat of war and Fascism.

#### AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED

The call says in part: "You should understand, first, that this conference is not a delegate conference in which one or another group can exercise dominance. It is a conference of people carefully selected, truly representative, who are known to support the idea of a new party in general, but who are also known to have widely diverse views on how and when it should be organized. We believe that through this conference agreement can be reached on these now conflicting views."

"The conference will be conducted in the spirit of striving to unify all labor, farmer and progressive forces, including those not directly represented, in the building of a broad, genuine Farmer-Labor movement. This aim in itself will be a guarantee that most careful consideration will be given to all viewpoints, with decisions arrived at through discussion and agreement rather than by that of a mere majority vote."

#### POLICE GRAFT PROBE IS 'HOT'

#### Hoertkorn May Talk Under "Pressure"

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Capt. Thomas (the Silent) Hoertkorn will talk.

The grand jury, investigating police graft, was waiting last night to hear what Hoertkorn had to say regarding his income and small fortune. Hoertkorn, who had previously refused to testify, yesterday said he "had nothing to hide."

Hoertkorn, some three years ago, was responsible for the clubbing of a delegation of workers at the police station of which he had charge. He also was identified as leading a 1934 raid on workers' headquarters.

Meanwhile Police Chief Quinn and District Attorney Matthew Brady, with Edwin N. Atherton, special investigator, were seeking ways and means of "forcing" other police officers to "come clean."

While the graft investigation went its rather devious and obstructed way Policemen John Farrell, Sydney Hinson and Thomas Miller Thursday are to be arraigned in Municipal Court on burglary charges. They are charged with burglarizing a drug store owned by Police Commissioner Thomas F. Shumate.

#### PEOPLE'S BOOK STORE IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—Endeavoring to fill the book needs of all workers, a People's Book Store has been opened at 321 West Second street here. In addition to working class books, pamphlets, and periodicals, the store is building up a circulating library.

The store requests contributions of books to build up the circulating library, for use of which a small membership fee and weekly rent fee will be charged.

#### Extinction Threat To Boy Bootblacks

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 9.—One of the few remaining opportunities for youth to earn a few pennies, was threatened here today when the bootblack shops appealed to the city council to bar boy bootblacks from the streets or else exact a \$2 annual fee from them.

The boys, children of the unemployed, shine shoes for 5 cents, which the stands claim cuts into their 10cent business. The council has reached no decision as yet.

#### ARIZ. INDIANS ARE IN REVOLT

WINSLOW, Ariz.—As a result of governmental policies making the life of the reservation inhabitants miserable, an open uprising of Navajo Indian tribesmen is brewing, according to reports from the Navajo agency at Window Rock.

Navajo Indian squaws are leading the rebellion, and are said to have forced their men to deliver an ultimatum giving Superintendent Fryer and his staff of officials 30 days to leave the reservation.



SAILORS' AFFIDAVIT PUTS SEA DISASTERS BLAME ON OWNERS

STRIKING L.A. MILLMEN SOLID IN FIFTH WEEK

LOS ANGELES, May 8.—With four weeks of strike behind them, the members of the Millmen and Cabinet Makers Union, Local 884, affiliated with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, are still as solid as the day they walked out of the leading store fixture Cabinet Companies of this city.

Eleven shops already signed agreements with the union, leaving only nine major plants unsigned. Very few scabs are at work, since the union has practically every mechanic in Los Angeles within its ranks. The strike-breakers cost so much to the employers that next to nothing returns to them in productivity.

**HUNDREDS PICKET**  
Mass picketing is militant with hundreds marching the line in front of such big shops as Weber Show Case and Fixture Company, the largest plant in the industry. The strike committee, composed of workers from every shop in the city, has worked out a very effective system of surprise picketing, where hundreds of men are concentrated around single shops without any warning. This has been effective in stopping scabs on a number of occasions.

The employers who have still not signed are attempting in every way possible, under the leadership of Karl Weber, to break the solid ranks of the union by false rumors. In their paid advertisements in the newspapers and in letters to their employees, they have repeatedly been raising such questions as "self-appointed" and "Communist leaders." In the same breath they have spoken of the "American Plan," that notorious open shop union-busting scheme. The strike committee has given them their answer and to date the employers have had no success with their schemes, nor are they expected to have any in the future.

**SPLITTING EFFORTS**  
Some employers have been urging the men to get rid of their "self-appointed" leadership, to which the workers have replied that their leadership was democratically elected and subject to recall.

Attempts have also been made to get certain men lined up to remove the present honest and militant business representative, by the corrupt and betraying ex-business agent, W. A. Anderson, whom the workers removed from office some five months ago. The strikers cannot see the benefits of removing an honest man and placing in his stead a man who, on the eve of the strike, became a \$10,000 suit against the local for so-called back pay due him, in an attempt to tie up the union funds. It is also rumored that this is being written that this same W. A. Anderson is today an agent for the mill owners attempting to hire strike-breakers and lure strikers back to work.

**LABOR SOLID**  
Local 884 is securing the cooperation of all organized labor in the city, many locals contributing sizable donations in order to help the strikers. The Carpenters' District Council at its last meeting went on record to assist every member of the Brotherhood in this area \$1 per week for a strike fund to assist Local 884 and the Ship Builders in San Pedro. Many locals, notably the Furniture Union, are also helping with assistance on the picket lines.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

Lumber Workers Have Gained 10 Million in Wages Through Strike

SEATTLE.—On the first anniversary of the strike of about 30,000 lumber workers of the Northwest, it is reported that one result of the big struggle has been a gain of \$9,660,000 in wages alone for the men. The Seattle local of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union reports that the men have also established the 30 hour week, union recognition, and safer conditions in woods and mills for the first time since the end of the World War.

Before the strike the NRA minimum wage was \$3.40 a day, but

Goodbye to the People's Front



Fresh from Paris, where she gained an acquittal of complicity in the giant French financial frauds of 1934, which led to the death of her husband, Mme. Arlette Stavisky landed in New York with prospects of a job as chorus girl in a night club. Some say she's husband hunting. The Stavisky scandal precipitated the riots of February, 1934, with many cliques and parties taking to the streets. The Socialists and Communists brought the workers out in the only disciplined demonstrations of those hectic days. Their disciplined United Front brought victory in the recent elections.

Trade Unionists Open Recreation Center in S. F.; First One in West

SAN FRANCISCO.—The splendid efforts of a number of active trade unionists will result in the opening on May 15th, of the Union Recreational Center, located at 32 Clay st. Prominent trade union leaders, including Harry Bridges, Mervyn Rathbone, Ted Starr, and W. C. Denton, welcoming the establishment of the center, have been among the first to join.

Summer Clinic Is Sought for Kids

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Petitioning the Board of Education to maintain the Yale Street Clinic to provide complete medical care for the school children of Los Angeles during the entire year, the Women's Progressive League on Day to Day Problems, yesterday lodged formal protest with the board and requested that the clinic be kept open during the summer months. Catherine Eldridge, spokeswoman, stated that the possibility of this clinic being closed for the summer, or kept open only on a partially effective schedule, would gravely endanger the health of children of Los Angeles. "If these children are uncared for, the health of the rest of the community is being jeopardized," said Mrs. Eldridge. "And regardless of the cost the clinic must be maintained."

**DRIVE FOR MEMBERS**  
There has been such an immediate response to the call for membership, that the charter has been closed, and a campaign for one thousand members has been started. Membership fees will be \$10 for 12 months, if paid in advance; \$10.50 for 12 months, if paid in two installments; \$11 for 12 months if paid in four installments, and \$12 for 12 months if paid monthly. Locker fees, which will be optional, will be \$1 monthly for the large lockers, and \$75 for smaller ones.

**OFFICERS ELECTED**  
The officers for the Center, elected by the charter membership, are: President—George Woolley; First Vice-President—W. Fritchard; Second Vice-President—C. Melin; Secretary-Treasurer—A. T. Leeborg; Executive Director—G. O. Brown.

The maritime unions have established the first center of this kind in the West, in order to answer the long felt need of the maritime workers for healthful recreation, and a better cultural and social life. The Center will be an additional step in solidifying and uniting all members of maritime unions.

Seattle Maritime Group Hits Scheme

SEATTLE.—The Washington District Council of the Maritime Federation, embracing all maritime crafts in the Puget Sound area, has almost unanimously rejected Mayor Dore's "industrial harmony" proposal for compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes. The council decided to communicate with all local unions in the state of Washington, asking them to take similar action against the anti-strike proposal. The Joint Council of Teamsters, headed by reactionary Dave Beck, a supporter of Dore in the elections, endorsed the Dore proposal in an editorial in the last issue of the Washington Labor News.

MASS MEET TO SPEED C. S. ACT REPEAL DRIVE

Episcopal Institutes Map System of Collecting Signatures

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—Launching a sweeping campaign to secure signatures to the initiative petition drive for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights will hold a mass meeting at the Episcopal Auditorium, 123 North Lake street, on Friday, May 29, at 8 p. m.

A regional conference has been called for May 24 to elect a new executive board. Calls are being sent out to all trade unions, unemployed, fraternal, church, political, defense, liberal and progressive organizations.

An excellent and efficient system for the collecting of signatures for the repeal petitions has been initiated by workers in the 61st Assembly District, which has been divided into five sections with a captain in charge of each section. Precinct maps were obtained and each worker was given a map of a specific precinct to work.

Also polling lists have been arranged into notebooks according to street address, so each signature collector works in a systematic and organized manner. This system was initiated by Ernest Dawson, Episcopal leader.

Every Tuesday at 1:45 p. m., a speaker representing the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights speaks over radio station KMPC.

A motion picture of the Sacramento Convention is now ready for release. Information as to the cost of showing can be secured by calling Mutual 4064 or by calling at the office of the Councils, Room 326, American Bank Building, 129 West 2nd street, Los Angeles.

Convention Hears Exposure of Ryan

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SAN PEDRO, Calif.—The delegates for Local 38-79 at the L. A. District Convention charged that Paddy Morris' policy of protecting Joseph P. Ryan, reactionary president of the L. A. A., and of cracking down on the rank and file had been carried to the extent of deliberately distorting the speech of fraternal delegate Stein, vice president of the New Orleans local, in the minutes of the May 5 session.

Stein's speech contained stinging criticism of Ryan's autocratic rule, and his actions in pulling out of the local in various Gulf ports, and giving the charters to strikebreakers. The 38-79 delegation further pointed out that Harry Bridges' motion giving Stein a vote of confidence had been left out of the minutes.

Morris could only answer this charge by the confusing statement that the San Francisco local delegates were trying to prolong the convention, despite the fact that the 38-79 delegates had instructed their representatives on the rules committee that "if possible the Convention should be adjourned by Saturday (May 9) and if necessary night sessions should be held."

**LOCAL 38-79 REPORT**  
Bridges' report for San Francisco Local 38-79 told how the local had succeeded in maintaining working conditions, but only through struggle. He said that the shipowners had made San Francisco the main center of their attack. The membership had seen fit to support such issues as hot cargo, picket lines, etc. and intended to do so in the future.

The membership of 38-79 had supported the Gulf and Vancouver strikes and the bargemen's and Warehousemen's lockouts. It had initiated the Emergency Maritime Federation convention.

**PROGRESSIVE MEASURES**  
It had backed all progressive measures, including the local labor law.

Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world!

Western Worker Needs Auto Gifts

Two automobiles are wanted for use in the Western Worker circulation drive, and in securing better coverage of news. Can any sympathizer donate a cheap car, or sell one cheaply for small weekly payments? Please communicate as soon as possible with the Western Worker business office, at 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

AFL Council Hits Blow at Building A Union in Steel

WASHINGTON.—The delegation elected by the 61st annual convention of steel workers, to interview William Green as to organization of the country's half million steel workers, has received its reply.

The A. F. of L. Executive Council is "willing" to organize steel, but with "due respect and proper regard for the jurisdictional rights of all national and international unions"—which means that the steel workers must submit to division into 24 ineffective craft unions in the face of the powerful, united steel trust. This reply was contained in a wire to the Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers.

**LEWIS' BLISTERING REPLY**  
The Executive Council's statement, which means that Green does not want to see steel organized, drew a blistering reply from John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which offered \$500,000 toward organization of the steel industry on an industrial basis. Lewis characterized the offer of the Executive Council as "inadequate, futile, and conceived in a mood of humiliated desperation."

The offer would fill your industry (steel) with hordes of organizers fiercely competing with each other for the new members who might be organized and for the few dollars which might be taken in as initiation fees. Under the offer the leadership of the campaign would be in the hands of men who in the years past have demonstrated their utter incapacity to establish stable organization and collective bargaining in the mass production industries.

Lewis then repeated the offer made by the Committee for Industrial Organization.

ticket, repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism act, etc.

The local had made connections with and gained the support of the organized labor movement, especially teamsters.

Bridges answered Morris' attack boldly, and called it the speech of a clever politician. Morris, he said, knew that most of the delegates were new delegates and tried to confuse them by clever speeches. But, said Bridges, minutes have been juggled in order to confuse the membership.

Delegate Schrimpf asked that the instruction of the 38-79 delegates to their representatives on the rules committee regarding adjournment be read into the minutes.

**SOME DELEGATES' REPORTS**

The credentials committee reported that the Honolulu fraternal delegate would be seated.

There were interesting reports from the delegates. Portland 38-78 Delegate Thurston reported uniform working rules for the entire river. Jones, Everett 38-76, reported that the longshoremen there had done much to make Everett a union town. Bennett, Seattle 38-122, told of the four strikes the local had weathered.

The speech of Stein of New Orleans told in detail of the anti-labor actions of Ryan. Stein said that support by the West Coast men made it possible for the New Orleans men to win out, and he expressed appreciation for this. The charters were taken away from two New Orleans locals and given to links, he said, and cargo handled by them should not be worked. He made serious charges of Ryan mishandling the situation, and being drunk also. Holt Ross came in and said Ryan had given him instructions to give charters to the two seab organizations. When the case was taken to law, Ryan was defeated in court after court, Stein said. Stein told how white and Negro workers fought side by side on the picket line.

Telegrams from Local 38-76, signed by Harry Lundeborg.

POINT VINCENTE CREW TELL OF IRREGULARITIES ON SHIPS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Members of the deck and engine room departments of the S. S. Point Vincente told the U. S. Steamboat Inspectors here last week in straight-from-the-shoulder fashion what causes disaster at sea.

The blame was placed squarely on the shipowners, and the Point Vincente men backed it up by relating some of the events that occurred on a recent voyage of the ship.

'Red Squad' Strike Terror Protested

LOS ANGELES, May 8.—The shooting, gassing and beating of the striking Venice celery workers by the lawless "Red Squad" was protested yesterday by the American Civil Liberties Union in a letter to Mayor Shaw.

The protest, signed by Clinton J. Taft, local director of the A. C. L. U., stated that "we are not interested with the strike and its objectives per se, but we are tremendously interested in the fact that the Los Angeles 'Red Squad' will not allow these workers to peacefully picket their jobs."

"The officers," Taft wrote, "have taken the stand that the workers have no right to organize, strike and maintain picket lines or even appear upon the highways in the region where the vegetable fields are located. In some instance our investigators report that Filipino and Mexican workers have been pursued and beaten up more than a mile from the strike area."

The Mayor was told "he was expected to take a hand in this desperate situation and insist that the lawless 'Red Squad' shall observe the legal right of these Mexican and Filipino workers."

The Mayor, acknowledging receipt of Taft's protest, said it had been referred to the Police Commission. The police commission, in turn, referred it to Police Chief Davis.

American artists have decided to boycott Mussolini's international show in Venice this summer.

REGISTER COMMUNIST TO BUILD UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!

Masters, Mates Urge July 5 Be Made Maritime Labor's Own Memorial Day

SAN FRANCISCO.—To marine labor, July 5, 1934 will ever remain alive, as maritime labor's own memorial day. On that date two maritime workers, Sperry and Bourdois, were shot down in cold blood in an effort to intimidate the rest of the waterfront workers, then in the midst of the historic San Francisco strike.

West Coast Local 9, of the Masters, Mates and Pilots of America have adopted a resolution advocating the establishment of July 5th as the official Maritime Memorial Day, to be observed annually. The resolution urges that this day be marked by a complete stoppage of work by maritime labor, and suitable memorial services and parades.

The resolution further urges all unions affiliated with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific to include July 5th in all their agreements as a recognized holiday.

The resolution of the Masters, Mates and Pilots calls for the submitting of July 5th as a Memorial Day to the Convention of the Maritime Federation, which opens in San Pedro May 15, and also urges that a referendum vote be taken on the question of complete stoppage of work on July 5th by all unions in the Federation.

Everett, instructed the chairman of the convention to fight against all disciplinary action from the district and international officials, as called for by William Green against San Francisco, and also requested that all delegates work to make July 5 Memorial Day on the Pacific Coast (the anniversary of the murder of two workers during the 1934 strike).

A telegram of greeting was sent by the Emergency Committee, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, signed by Harry Lundeborg.

Investigators Say Dissatisfaction of Seamen Is Correct

NEW YORK.—The "National Committee on Safety at Sea, which has been inclined to function as a weapon against the seamen, has been forced by obvious facts to admit that seamen aboard American merchant ships have a right to be dissatisfied with working conditions."

Showing its anti-labor tendencies, the Committee stated that "recent reports of mutinies and interruptions of service may be the manifestation of some sinister influence," but had to add that "they may also indicate that maritime labor is frankly and fairly dissatisfied with its present wages and working conditions."

The Committee mentioned, "the need for a more enlightened attitude on the part of shipowners." "Under present conditions," the report went on, "the sea as a career has little to offer the type of man who is so greatly needed if ships are to be safely and efficiently operated."

In presenting its findings to Chairman A. Harry Moore, U. S. Senator from New Jersey, the Committee advocated the establishment of a continuous discharge record for each seaman, which would be a convenient blacklisting method for shipowners against militant seamen.

The fight against the rank and file strike committee in the East Coast strike has been shifted by the International Seamen's Union officials to the Federal Trade Commission, now that the injunction suit against the rank and file committee has collapsed in court.



## California Labor Notes

**BAKERSFIELD**—All bakery shops here have signed a year's agreement with the Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union, reports William Muenz, the local secretary.

**SALINAS**—Union steamshovel operators on strike against employment of non-union teamsters have tied up a \$500,000 W. P. A. state highway project.

**SAN JOSE**—The newly formed tree-surgeons local will be installed at the Central Council meeting on May 18. Tickets were passed out at the last Central Council meeting for the debate between the Teachers' Union representatives and School Superintendent Rochford, which Council delegates will attend en masse.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Cooks Union No. 44, at a regular business meeting, donated \$10 to the Modesto boys' defense, and \$10 to the strikers of the American Metals Co. in Terrero, New Mexico. The Culinary unions have lined up the Four Aces, Gordon Fish, Lad's Buffet and Lyric restaurant.

**SAN DIEGO**—With the object in view of increasing the membership, Local 1296 has voted to support the recommendations of the District Council to cut the initiation fee by 50 per cent.

At a meeting of the Machinists here one brother was accused of mailing a copy of the "Western Worker" to another member of the local. He denied this but defended his right to do so.

A meeting of the Pressmen discussed the 40 hour week and a committee was appointed to investigate this matter and report back. A telegram was received from International President Berry telling the local to use its judgment in joining the Federated Trades Council; previously the local was advised not to join.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The Electricians Union No. 6 has been admitted to membership in the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

**MARTINEZ**—Not only did Local 5 of the Oil Workers Union here enjoy its best month in April, but it is making May a month for a special membership drive, expected to bring big results. The Local has established a special dispensation on initiation and reinstatement for the May membership drive.

**RICHMOND**—Jimmy Finnell, Jr., business representative of the Bartenders and Culinary Workers 590, reports that he has some 45 applications for membership in his hands. Employees have filed applications in the Travellers Hotel, Martinez, Crockett Hotel, Crockett, Carquinez Coffee Shop, Richmond and in the Eagle Creamery Works.

## American Youth Congress Prepares Boat Ride and Picnic on May 30th

### YOUNG PEOPLE WILL RALLY AT OUTING ON ANTI-WAR DAY

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The San Francisco and East Bay Councils of the American Youth Congress are holding their second annual United Youth Day Outing this May 30, with a boat ride to Paradise Cove to be followed by a picnic and entertainment at the Cove.

Memorial Day has for several years been observed by the peace-loving youth of America as a fitting time to demonstrate their determination to put an end to the wars that have taken the lives of millions of the youth of other generations, rather than a day for militaristic parades and speeches.

#### NATION-WIDE DAY

In 1934 the American Youth Congress took an active part in anti-war demonstrations May 30, and at its second national Congress on July 4, 1935, the A. Y. C. officially endorsed May 30 as United Youth Day against War. This year will see several million young people voice their opposition to needless bloodshed.

Last year 600 young people answered the call of the S. F. and East Bay A. Y. C. for the United Youth Day Outing. This year the two Councils expect 2000 to commemorate the dead in a way more fitting the spirit and ambitions of youth than participation in dress rehearsals for the next war.

#### CLIP THIS

Boats for Paradise Cove will leave San Francisco at 9 a.m. at Pier 14 and Oakland at 9 a.m. at the foot of Broadway. Tickets are

# Announce Communist Party Election Candidates

## Townsend Name Sheridan Downey In Primary Race

**SACRAMENTO**, May 10.—Sheridan Downey, candidate for lieutenant-governor on the Upton Sinclair Epic slate in 1934, and now attorney for Dr. F. E. Townsend, will run for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 3rd Congressional District as an old-age pension candidate.

He will oppose Frank H. Buck, Democratic incumbent, who is reported on the Townsend "must-be-beaten" list because he actively opposed the Townsend Plan in Congress.

Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, Republican incumbent in the 4th Congressional District, San Francisco, who is a "fence-sitter" in regard to the Townsend Plan, and Congressman Clarence F. Lea, of Santa Rosa, 1st District, who actively opposes the plan, will likewise be faced with Townsend-endorsed candidates in the August primaries, it was reported. Lea is a "Democratic-Republican."

Congressman Richard J. Welch, Republican-Democrat - Progressive of San Francisco 5th District, reportedly has the Townsend okay in the primaries.

## Corporations May Get a Break in Tax

**WASHINGTON**—All indications point to a big break for the big corporations before the Senate gets through with the Tax Bill just passed by the House.

When Senator Connally of Texas questioned Fred W. Sargent, president of the Chicago and Northwestern R. R. on Wednesday, he asked if the railroad head would be more favorable to a tax bill with a smaller levy against reserves than in the bill passed by the House.

When Sargent attacked the undistributed profits tax Chairman Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee asked if a five-year exemption from this levy might not be "helpful."

#### Another "Disaster"

**NEW ORLEANS**—Reactionary forces here are proposing adoption of a "disaster ordinance," similar to the one unsuccessfully urged in San Francisco. The mayor is opposing the proposed ordinance on the ground that the city charter already gives the authority to set up a "disaster" group.

For unemployment, old-age and social insurance—for the Frazier-Lundeen Bill!

## Demand Her Freedom!



**LOUISE TODD**, who was convicted and sentenced to 1-14 years in Tehachapi Women's Prison on a technical violation of the election law, which all other parties but the Communist Party are allowed to violate with impunity, will send her case before the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles at its May meeting. Send protests to the board, demanding freedom for her and for the three Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism victims now in Tehachapi—Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, and Lorine Norman.

## Mexican Union Leaders on Labor Good-Will Tour, Explain New Gains

**NEW YORK**—On a labor good-will tour of the United States, four leaders of the militant trade union movement of Mexico hope to bring to American labor and all progressive elements an understanding of the great gains for labor south of the Rio Grande in recent months.

What they have to tell American labor is expected to more than offset the recent blast by William Green against the progressive Cardenas government because the latter exiled ex-president Calles and Luis Morones, renegade from labor, who were leading a fascist movement which resorted to terror against labor.

The four labor leaders, representing the Confederation of Workers of Mexico, are Alejandro Canillo, secretary-general of the Professional Workers Union; Victor Manuel Villaseñor, member of the CTM foreign relations committee; Augustin Guzman, secretary-general of the Mine Workers Industrial Union; and Eduardo S. Jones, of the Oil Workers Union.

The CTM was formed by a federation of the organized railwaymen, miners, oil workers, professional workers, and three federations representing a score of other crafts and industries. It has a membership of 533,400, over 96 per cent of Mexico's organized workers.

The four leaders told of an increase of one-seventh in wages

## Seattle Labor Votes For Anti-War Meet

**SEATTLE**, Wash.—Joining the already imposing list of sponsors, the Seattle Central Labor Council has endorsed the Second Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism to be held here on May 30th and 31st.

The council also voted support to James Duncan, Auto Mechanics' Union business agent, in his fight to gain use of the Broadway High School Auditorium for the Congress. Under tremendous organized pressure from Seattle labor and progressive groups, the school board finally voted to throw open the school auditorium to the Congress.

Proceeds are to be used for defense and relief of labor's prisoners. Admission, including transportation, is 25 cents. Trucks will leave from 230 South Spring st. and from 5042 South Hooper ave. at 10 a. m. and from 2700 Brooklyn ave. from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.

More than 30 labor liberal organizations have endorsed the Congress thus far.

throughout Mexico, and the prospect of rapid fulfillment of land reform laws for the benefit of landless peasants, which had long been promised by Calles when the latter was in office. Religious strife, they stated, was provoked by the Calles fascist movement and was coming to an end.

## L.A. Charity Dept. Uses Stool Pigeons

**LOS ANGELES**, May 9.—"Every citizen a stool pigeon" and "trial by gossip" are apparent slogans under which the Los Angeles County Charities Department is operating, according to a statement by Superintendent Rex Thomson suggesting that citizens should "watch their neighbors" as a means of ridding relief rolls of "charity thieves."

While thousands of unemployed go hungry or barely subsist on relief budgets, Thomson states that his department has reduced its relief rolls by 8 per cent during recent months by "rigid investigation" of eligibility of relief workers.

Stool pigeons can inform on their neighbors anonymously and will receive the same attention as letters and telephone calls in which the person with the information gives the name, Thomson is reported as saying.

"We have noted the high percentage of case closing made possible as a result of anonymous letters and telephone calls that have come into our office," said Thomson.

In the last 12 months 3500 cases have been closed due to ineligibility, according to Thomson.

The Western Worker Circulation Drive is now on. 2000 new readers by June.

REPEAL THE CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM ACT! 240,000 SIGNATURES BY JUNE 10TH!

## San Jose Central Council Sec'y Has Red-Baiting Orgy

**SAN JOSE**—At the meet of the Santa Clara Building Trades central Labor Council, May 6, Fred Volkers, secretary of the Council reported that he had addressed the recent meeting of the "United Veterans' Council of Santa Clara County" in an attempt to persuade this reactionary body that not all union labor is communist, and that their fears concerning the recent Smedley Butler meeting were unjustified.

In spite of this the "United Veterans' Council" passed a vicious red-baiting resolution.

#### ATTACK WESTERN WORKER

Under the "good and welfare" of the order Volkers rose to read the article from the WESTERN WORKER of Thursday, May 7, which criticized his weak stand regarding the Smedley Butler meeting.

He then went into a long red-baiting tirade, in which he assured delegates that he "didn't care how much they attacked him," but if he found out who was writing these articles he would "smoke them out" (of the council). He did not accuse the article of being untrue, but tried to infer that a criticism of his tactics was "an attack on labor."

This blast was followed by a request for information from Brother Petrie of the Hod Carriers Union, who asked if there was anything in the constitution of this council or the A. F. of L. prohibiting a man from belonging to any organization which he saw fit to join, or forbidding freedom of speech. To this some delegate responded that "Green might say so but he doubted the validity of such a stand."

None of the speakers assailed the truthfulness of the article in question and it is to be regretted that it was not pointed out that the WESTERN WORKER will gladly print retractions or corrections of any false reports, if such appear in their pages.

## Firemen to Notify Green About FLP

**SAN FRANCISCO**, May 8.—Written request from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, that their union take no political stand, met with a rebuff from the members of the Marine Firemen here last night.

Following reading of Green's letter in the regular meeting of the union, a motion was passed almost unanimously to send him a letter in reply to the effect that they had already gone on record for a Farmer-Labor Party.

(See Page 2 for Marine Firemen's resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party.)

## Student, 16, Held For Deportation

**JERSEY CITY**, N. J.—Sixteen-year old student at the J. J. Ferris High School here, Nathan Cosman was picked up, held for deportation and given a preliminary hearing by immigration officials.

Nathan was born in Nova Scotia, Halifax, and has been released in custody of his father, George Cosman, who is free under \$500 bail and faces deportation on a charge of "illegal entry" from Canada. Mrs. Marian Cosman was born in New York City but lost her citizenship when she married a non-citizen and is being threatened with deportation.

George Cosman is Austrian by birth, Ukrainian by nationality, and is being held for deportation to Roumania.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is conducting their defense on request letters to be sent to Secretary Labor Perkins protesting the threatened deportations.

## REPEAL THE C. S. LAW!

"This convention is the culmination of a series of meetings, of propagandizing and organizing. From this meeting we start active work."

"This Congress is the first great landmark. The next great landmark will be when we have obtained our 240,000 signatures, and the third great landmark should be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November when the people of California will repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act."

—Paul A. Richie, Epic Assemblyman, at the State Congress Repeal of the C. S. Act, Sacramento, April 19th.

## ANITA WHITNEY For Congress



## JAMES TRACY For Assembly



## Voters Beat Member Of Vigilante Family

**RICHMOND**, Calif., May 7.—Mrs. Frances McCann, member of a family whose men, as vigilantes, took an active part in terroristic raids here during the San Francisco General Strike, was soundly defeated in her attempt to be elected as trustee on the school board in elections here last Saturday.

Workers carried on an active campaign for the successful election of J. C. Ford, incumbent trustee. Ford received 1463 votes to 670 received by Mrs. McCann.

## STARVATION ROAMS ST. LOUIS AS COMMODITIES ARE HANDED OUT

**ST. LOUIS**—(FP)—With enough federal surplus commodities released to ward off actual hunger for only a few days, local unemployed, 14,400 of them thrown off relief in a single week, are demanding that the city government budget \$1,400,000 of bond issue relief funds over the next three months.

As the board of aldermen voted sympathy for the unemployed, but no jack for relief, and adjourned for two weeks, a band of unemployed men, women and children kept a 49-hour vigil in the aldermanic gallery. They relinquished their fortress only after Mayor Diekmann, appearing in person, promised to work with the American Workers' Union, jobless organization, to see that "no one shall starve." Representatives of the unemployed are to serve on the commodity-distributing committee.

Meanwhile, the unemployed are being supplied with names and addresses of their aldermen so they may make their needs known in person. In common with the rest of Missouri, St. Louis has been catapulted into a desperate relief crisis by the cutting off of direct federal relief and by repeated refusal of Gov. Guy B. Park, Pendergast machine man, to call an emergency session of the legislature.

The governor turned a deaf ear even on findings of the Government research Institute that \$4,000,000 in state funds could be applied to relief without imposing additional taxes and on impassioned pleas by high church men, one of whom, Dean Sidney Sweet of Christ Church Cathedral, called the present relief administration "cruel and barbarous."

The gravity of the situation is intensified by the prospect of early dismissal of 4100 WPA breadwinners in line with the federal administration's program of slashing work relief rolls. Direct relief rolls have been purged of every family in which there is even a single em-

## JOHN LEECH, HAROLD ASHE TO RUN AGAINST DEMOCRAT INCUMBENTS FOR CONGRESS

### Sam Jones to Campaign for Supervisor in L. A.; Assembly Candidates Slated

As the Communist Party election campaign swings into action, additional candidates for office throughout California were announced last week.

John Leech, Los Angeles section organizer of the Communist Party, will run for Congress in the 17th District, opposing the incumbent Charles J. Colden, Democrat.

In the 14th Congressional District, Los Angeles, Harold J. Ashe, leading Communist and candidate for Secretary of State in 1934, will oppose Thomas F. Ford, Democrat.

## Worker Is Killed On USED Project

**LOS ANGELES**, May 7.—The United States War Department claimed another life today when an embankment on the Ballou Creek United States Engineering Department project near Venice boulevard and Cloverdale avenue caved in on James Rockford, WPA worker.

Three other workers working near Rockford just missed being buried by the cave in.

Rockford, 48 years of age, lived at 317 North Figueroa street and is married. He had been working on the U. S. F. D. project since March.

Rockford was dead when fellow workers finally dug him out from under the huge pile of dirt.

Several other workers have been killed on these U. S. F. D. projects, which are under supervision of U. S. Army officers, due to failure to safeguard the workers.

#### ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

In the 23rd Assembly District James Tracy, candidate for supervisor of San Francisco on the United Labor Ticket last fall, will run against William B. Hornblower who was elected as a Republican, Democrat, and Progressive on an "all things to all voters" platform.

James Garrison, Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, will run for assemblyman in the 26th District, Elaine Black, secretary of the International Labor Defense in San Francisco, will be a candidate against the incumbent Kenneth B. Dawson, another Republican - Democrat - Progressive.

Pettis Perry, leading Negro Communist, who ran for lieutenant-governor in 1934, will campaign for assemblyman in the 62nd District, opposing the incumbent Augustus F. Hawkins, Epic leader.

Florence Moisa will be the Communist candidate to oppose William Moseley Jones, Epic floor-leader in the assembly at the last session of the legislature, who was elected as a democratic and Republican both. James Thorne, Organizational Secretary of the Los Angeles Section of the C. P., will oppose Lee E. Geyer, Epic incumbent, in the 67th Assembly District.

#### OTHER CANDIDATES

Previously announced candidates were Anita Whitney, who polled over 100,000 votes in 1934 as candidate for State Controller, and who will run for Congress in the 4th District against incumbent Florence P. Kahn; and Lawrence Ross, San Francisco organizer of the C. P., who will oppose Richard J. Welch, Democrat-Republican incumbent, in the 5th Congressional District, their candidates will be slated later.

The Communist platform in relation to the building of a Farmer-Labor Party will be discussed Thursday night May 14th, at an election rally at 121 Halght Street, San Francisco. Speakers will include Lawrence Ross and William Schneiderman, district organizer of the C. P.

Throughout California, the slogan of "Register Communist" is being raised on a mass scale, and workers who have already registered for some other political party or as "decline to state" are urged to change their registration to Communist.

## Dr. Townsend Will Speak On May 21st

**LOS ANGELES**, May 6.—Senator Frank Arbutckle, regional director of the Townsend movement, today announced that Dr. F. E. Townsend will speak here at the Olympic Auditorium, May 21st.

Arbutckle returned from Washington today and said he would speak tomorrow noon at the Biltmore Theatre on the "Washington Investigating Committee" and why the hearing was postponed.

He ridiculed the idea that the Townsend movement was being smashed by the investigation.

Build the mighty United Front of the working class on May 1st.

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## The Communist Party Enters the Elections

With issues of tremendous importance facing the workers and farmers of California, the Communist Party has launched in full force its 1936 election campaign, already nominating a number of candidates for office.

In order to make this election campaign of mass significance during the months leading up to the final elections in November, it is necessary for Communist Party members, friends and sympathizers to carry into effect immediately the slogan of Register Communist.

A mass Communist Party registration will mean mass campaigns for the genuinely important issues that face the toiling masses of the state, it will mean effective struggles against reaction and against hunger, low wages, and union-smashing.

Although carrying on independent election activity, the Communist Party stands ready at any time to withdraw its candidates in favor of candidates selected by a United Labor Conference for any office. It has not abandoned in the slightest degree its slogan of building a united front in the political field, a Farmer-Labor Party, but on the contrary will utilize every possible opportunity to strengthen the cause of political unity for the toilers.

In the meantime, it is essential to build a mass Communist registration. All workers and farmers who have not yet registered are urged to register Communist now; all who have already registered are urged to change their registrations to Communist.

(See Page Three for news story.)

## San Jose Unionists Should Protest Attacks and Lies By Red-Baiters!

Directly following the recent anti-war meeting in San Jose, at which General Butler spoke, the San Jose Evening News printed a viciously lying editorial, intended as intimidation against any progressive individual in that community who contemplates the expression of liberal or progressive views.

The News stooped to the filthy trick of quoting from a Western Worker statement made by John Leech, Los Angeles Section organizer of the Communist Party, and ascribing it to Bert Leech, organizer for the American League Against War and Fascism, an entirely different individual.

It is not unusual for a newspaper whose policy is that of the employing interests, to become rabid in its attacks on progressive organization; but it is not pleasant to find a Central Labor Council secretary—in this case Fred Volkers of the Santa Clara body—joining in such attacks.

Brother Volkers knows full well that the Butler meeting was sponsored by organized labor (he himself was chairman). Yet we see Volkers telling the Council that union labor should not sponsor such meetings. Volkers even stooped to insulting the San Jose workers, stating that they "do not want education." This in spite of the capacity crowd which attended the Butler meeting.

Not satisfied with such an attack on a progressive movement, Brother Volkers' next addresses a meeting of the "United Veterans Council," an ultra-reactionary hand-out of training camp "veterans" posing as the vets' spokesmen, who passed a vicious red-baiting resolution designed to abrogate freedom of speech in Santa Clara County.

Rank and file union members, as well as all progressives in leading trade union positions, should demand and see to it that trade union officials reserve their attacks for the known enemies of labor (among whom are numbered the San Jose News and the "United Veterans Council").

## What Would Tom Paine Say?

What would that American revolutionist, Tom Paine, say if he lived today, seeing poverty amongst plenty, destruction of wealth while people went undernourished? That fine militant scorn of his, ringing in condemnation would make the super-patriots cringe for their hypocrisy in demanding war and terror to ease capitalist pains, slavery and torture for the modern American fighters for liberty, bread and peace!

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### A COMPARISON OF TWO WORLDS \* \* \*

**WAGES**  
In the U. S. S. R., total annual wages paid to Soviet industrial workers increased from 8 billion rubles in 1928 to 41 billion rubles in 1934—an increase of 412.5 per cent. The proportion of wages in the total national income increased from 27.6 per cent in 1928 to 74.5 per cent in 1934.

In the U. S. A., total income paid to labor decreased from 52.7 billion dollars in 1929 to 29.3 billion dollars in 1933—a decrease of 44.5 per cent.

**PRODUCTION OF GRAIN**  
In the U. S. S. R., production of grain increased from 73,320,000 tons in 1928 to a total of 89,400,000 tons in 1934—an increase of 22 per cent.

In the U. S. A., total grain production decreased from a total of 5,315 million bushels in 1928 to 2,841 million bushels in 1934—a decrease of 52 per cent. (Source: Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.)

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### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In the U. S. S. R., attendance at elementary and secondary schools (ages 8 to 17) increased from 11,356,000 in 1927-28 to 21,813,000 in 1932-33—an increase of 93 per cent. Enrollment for the school year 1934-35 amounted to 24,036,000—representing a further increase of 19 per cent over the 1927-28 figure.

In the U. S. A., total enrollment in all public schools increased from 25,180,000 in 1928 to 26,275,000 in 1932—an increase of only 4.5 per cent. This increase was only slightly larger than the natural increase in the population of school age. Thus in 1932, fully 18 per cent (18.6 per cent in 1928) of the population between 5 and 17 were not enrolled in the public schools. (Source: Office of Education, U. S. Department of the Interior.)

## F. D. Family Aided Plane Interests

WASHINGTON—Those in the know report that the Senate investigation into airplane accidents, which Senator Copeland conducted, ended in a whitewash for the aviation interests because there were implications that members of the Roosevelt family and some of those close to it indulged in expert wire pulling.

It is said that when Croy Hunter, president of the Northwest Airways, Inc., tried to get government appropriation for lights, etc., along that company's route, Elliott Roosevelt, a friend of Hunter's, and Elliott's brother-in-law, one Donner, were approached. Elliott is a son of F.D.

### "DEAR ANNA" TO HUNTER

Hunter also wrote letters to F.D.'s daughter Anna Roosevelt Dall, addressing her as "Dear Anna" and expressing "hope that she would impress on the president the importance of aviation."

A letter to Hunter by George P. Putnam, husband of Amelia Earhart, took credit for the appointment of Eugene Vidal as Director of the Air Bureau and indicated that Earhart could help Northwest Airways. Earhart and Putnam were luncheon guests at the White House.

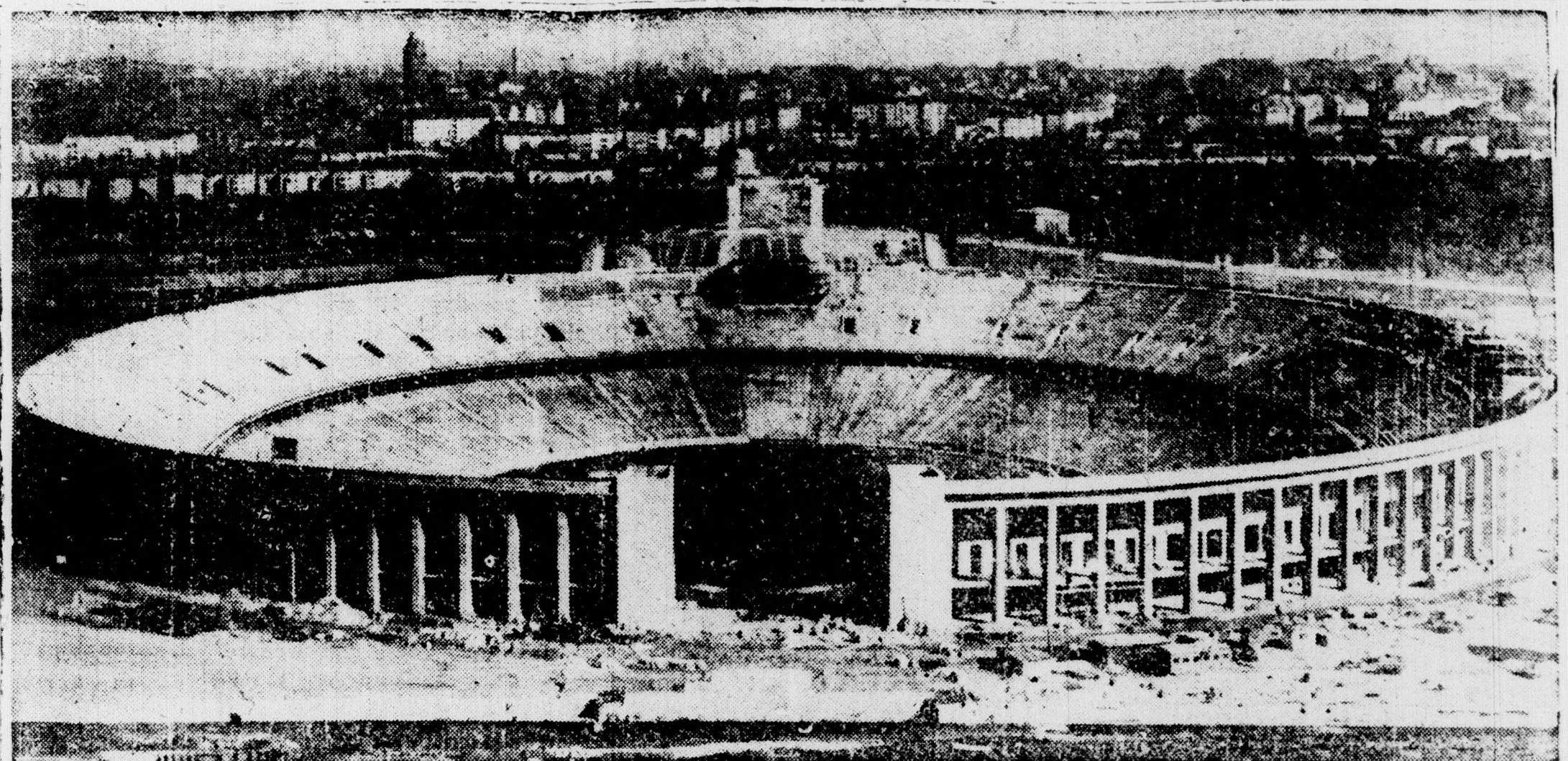
Colonel Brittin, vice-president of Northwest Airways, wrote a letter to Hunter stating that "Mr. Vidal and I have agreed that publicity on these recommendations (to push the Northwest transcontinental project through the Public Works Board) should be avoided to prevent stirring up opposition at this time."

It is interesting to note that Northwest Airways is right now seeking a Congressional appropriation of \$190,000 for a Seattle route.

### NEW DRAMA GROUP WILL MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday night at eight o'clock, a meeting of a new theatre group tentatively called the United Front Theatre will be held at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco. Prospective members are cordially invited. Object of the group is to present plays, skits and pageants of significance in the class struggle. Members of the group will be required to take courses in the Workers School in addition to technical training in theatre practice.

## Site of Coming Olympic Games—Where Nazis Hope to Make an Impression



Far behind the guns of the watch on the Rhine, Nazi Germany will put its best foot forward as Hitler entertains the athletes of the world at this huge, specially constructed stadium in Berlin. Games are scheduled to start in July, if

the world-wide boycott against holding them in Germany doesn't bring about too many withdrawals. Or if Hitler doesn't embroil the world in war before then.

## John Leech, Party Organizer, Sees Greater Unity

By John Leech, Los Angeles Section Organizer

As a result of increased sentiment toward unity among the workers, farmers and middle-class for Southern California, the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party now is confronted with very favorable conditions for the building of the united front against reaction and for the eventual building of the Farmer-Labor Party.

Among trade unionists, EPICS, Utopians, Townsendites, Socialists, liberals, there is marked evidence for a growing realization of the vital need for unity to repel the attacks of the employer class.

Therefore, in order to crystallize this sentiment for the united front in reality, it is necessary for the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party to strengthen itself, to gain new forces to carry on this work, and to retain these new forces as members of the Party. One of the most serious weaknesses in Los Angeles, presenting a serious problem that

## What Communists in L.A. Have To Do

must be solved if the united front is to be built effectively, is the question of fluctuation.

### 1000 NEW MEMBERS

During 1935 approximately 1000 new members were recruited into our ranks, yet only a few hundred of these were absorbed into regular dues paying members. While we should have more than 1700 dues paying members at the present time, actually we have less than 1200. One of the prime factors in building the united front and the Farmer-Labor Party, is a strong, well disciplined Communist Party. Our united front work in Los Angeles can only be successful with such a strong party as its backbone.

If the Los Angeles Section is to make progress in this direction, the need for unity of action is to be met organizationally, we must solve the problem of the tremendously high rate of fluctuation in our membership. Why have we been able to retain less than 20 per cent of our recruits during 1935? Why did not all of the approximately 1000 re-

cruits become active builders of the revolution, active leaders of working class struggles in Southern California?

### REASONS

We can sum up most of the reasons as follows: 1. Sectarianism of our Comrades. 2. Poor unit life. 3. Lack of concentration recruiting. 4. Failure to take account of, and to solve the personal problems of recruits. 5. Organizational laxness.

Many older comrades fail to place sufficient confidence and trust in new members, giving them the feeling that they are not equal to the tasks of Party members. New recruits are not given responsible tasks to carry through for fear they will make mistakes; the older comrades do not remember that they themselves have learned by their mistakes, when given the help and guidance of older comrades.

Instead of being given responsible tasks, new members are too frequently given only very necessary but routine tasks, such as distributing leaflets, house-to-house

## Discussion Article Shows Section Weaknesses

work with literature, etc. This must be changed; we must place much greater reliance in the ability of our new comrades to score real accomplishments in mass organizational work.

### POOR UNIT LIFE

In Los Angeles poor unit life is a major cause of fluctuation, and must receive the attention of all leading forces in our section. Largely, the cause of poor unit life is the lack of trained forces. This the Los Angeles Section is determined to correct with the establishment of a section full-time training school in May and with the planning of two further training schools during 1936.

### TRAIN NEW FORCES

This is not enough, however. Our Section and Sub-section Committees must take drastic steps in the direction of training many more new forces for leadership, by means of adequate new members classes and functionaries' classes. The section leadership and the sub-section leadership must work more closely with these new forces, helping them to develop, close guidance and check-up on the individual reading of our Comrades, learning how they utilize the Western Worker and the Daily Worker in daily tasks, will draw some valuable experiences of our section. The need for further political understanding can also be seen in the comparatively small numbers of "Party Organizers" and "Communists" read by our Comrades.

Much of our fluctuation is due to lack of concentration recruiting and to indiscriminate recruiting. While there are undoubtedly many workers in the section only waiting to be asked to join the Party, workers in the shops and factories, militant workers in the trade unions, many comrades have been recruiting along the line of the least resistance, recruiting those workers whom they "just happen to be in contact with."

### CONCENTRATION

While our Party can make room for all recruits, many workers brought to the Party in this manner are not sufficiently schooled in the class struggle, and in many cases are unwilling to be trained, and to submit to the necessary discipline. Predominantly, our concentration must be among those workers who are in the trade unions, who have acquired an understanding of the class struggle through struggle. Secondly, we must concentrate in the shops of concentration industries, where many workers are ready to join our Party and become capable fighters in the interest of the working class.

Indicating the possibilities that exist in concentration recruiting, we find workers in a large rubber factory here so eager for our guidance that they stand in line waiting to get our leaflets, yet in our section we find that out of approximately 1200 members only 250 are in the trade unions. Many of our problems of fluctuation will be solved if every comrade, every unit, every Sub-section orients its recruiting activities toward concentration work.

...RUN IN TWO PORTS.  
(To be concluded)

## NATION WIDE EVENTS

The result of the primaries plainly shows two significant factors at work in California politics: First, the decisive manner in which the Hearst-Landon-Merriam combination was defeated indicates that the anti-Hearst campaign has penetrated into all walks of life, discrediting the monster of San Simeon with even the reactionaries of the Republican Party. Second, the process of disillusionment leading to defeat of the vacillating, compromising "old party" policy hitherto ruling EPIC and Townsend circles.

It is evident from the defeat of the Landon slate that Hearst's vicious red-baiting and indiscriminate attacks on even reactionaries who dare to disagree with and counter his policies has served as a warning to many Republicans, who are anxious to disassociate themselves from the San Simeon taint.

Hearst, of course, will not thereby be prevented from participating in backstage bargaining at the national convention. Master of corrupt intrigue, thoroughly unscrupulous, powerful servant of powerful financial and industrial interests who play both ends against the middle and will stage hidden scenes at both Republican and Democratic conventions, he will loom large in manipulations to determine the balance of power at Washington in 1937.

In the meanwhile, Merriam has been used—much to his political discredit. Detestation for Hearst and his tools was emphatically recorded in the vote.

As to the EPIC, Townsend defeat, first reactions will likely be pessimistic. This is unnecessary if the facts be correctly understood. The wide support withdrawn from Sinclair and given to Roosevelt's unqualified slate shows plainly enough that thousands of former EPIC supporters recognize the truth—that there is not enough difference between the Sinclair and Roosevelt tickets to warrant an empty gesture. They voted on the rebound—for lack of an uncompromising, constructive and progressive political policy completely divorced from the old parties.

The decisive vote will clear the air of sickly compromise. There is no need for despair. A constructive program and forward-looking policy has been developing hesitantly in the EPIC ranks during the past year. This tendency will continue as the result of the united front May 10th conference.

Townsend supporters must draw similar conclusions. McGroarty got less than one-twentieth of the votes even in the Los Angeles County stronghold. While this represents a mere part of the Townsend voting strength, it demonstrates that the separate, isolated drive for old-age pensions, worthy as it is of popular support, cannot find independent political expression, but must be allied with other progressive interests. Such allies are not to be found in the old parties, whose representatives are ready to disrupt and disintegrate the movement. The old parties and the old methods must be discarded. The Townsend movement will find strength in the wide mass movement of all progressives.

Can it be doubted that Roosevelt, in whom Sinclair seemingly has undying faith, again helped to defeat the EPIC slate, through skillful manipulation by the McAdoo-Olsen forces leading to splits, hesitations and feeble compromises? It is this same Roosevelt who plans severe cutting of the relief budget while placing extravagant war measures and shipping subsidies on the Congressional MUST list.

He and his aides are necessarily counting on the disintegration of the EPIC and Townsend movements to solidify the Democratic ranks on the old basis during the pre-election period. They would seem to be in a position to draw some support from the most discouraged elements on the right of these movements, it is true. But wide masses of trade unionists, farmers, professionals and unemployed—young and old alike—are looking (so far in vain) for signs of sound political health in California. They helped to defeat the unholy Hearst-Merriam combination: they can help defeat all reactionaries and demagogues. They can be shown the path to healthy growth—towards independence in the November elections—towards a Farmer-Labor Party?

## Unions Must Build Labor Party

Can and will the trade unionists of San Francisco, the East Bay and Los Angeles and other cities in California send Labor-Party or United Labor ticket representatives to Congress and the State Legislature? Can and will they get together with Epics, Townsend organizations, Socialists and Communists, farm and liberal groups, in the agricultural districts as well as the cities, to back and elect their very own candidates to office?

Do they realize the vital need for a united front of struggle for unemployment and social insurance, the shorter work day, old-age pensions, etc? Do they realize that while the labor movement has various positions regarding Roosevelt, all labor can join in building local and state Farmer-Labor parties and electing labor men, pledged to a minimum platform, to Congress and State Legislature?

Certainly trade union members, many of whose locals are already on record for the Frazier-Lundeen Bill, against repressive, anti-labor laws, for increased relief and union wages on all public works, for the 30-hour week without reduction of pay, etc., know that the Democratic Party is not for these needs of labor and the farmer, that the Roosevelt new deal is catering to the will of reaction, Wall Street and the Liberty League.

The question is—will the members of the unions and other progressive organizations allow their leaders to herd them into support of local candidates and platforms which are just as conservative or even more reactionary?

NOW is the time for action—for the rank and file of labor to answer William Green's appeal for a "non-partisan" policy, by taking the lead in building local Labor Parties and United Labor tickets, on the basis of a

real program and selection of their own candidates, in agreement with all progressive and left-wing forces.

In San Francisco there are dozens of local unions which supported the United Labor ticket in 1935, or whose internationals supported a Farmer-Labor Party at the national A. F. of L. convention. These include the maritime unions, hotel and restaurant employees, cooks, ladies garment workers, teachers, machinists, brewery workers, clothing workers, roofers, millinery workers, garage employees, and many more.

The Marine Firemen, Warehousemen and San Francisco District Council of the Maritime Federation recently, again, went decisively on record for a Farmer-Labor Party with the proposal that the local maritime unions "initiate steps in every port for the formation of local labor parties, or united labor platforms and tickets in the coming state and congressional elections."

This should become the first step toward the election of progressive trade unionists to Congress and the State Legislature on a Farmer-Labor platform.

The Alameda County Conference for a Labor Party was launched last fall. It is endorsed by 16 or more local unions. Its continuations committee, made up mostly of trade union delegates, is planning a large conference in the latter part of May. So in Oakland and the East Bay the movement for independent political action grows.

What can be done in Alameda County, can and should be done in San Francisco and other counties, such as Los Angeles, San Diego, Contra Costa and San Mateo.

The movement is growing rapidly throughout the East and Middle West. It is up to the progressive members of the local unions to advance this movement in their locals.



## NEWSPAPERMEN CLUBBED DOWN IN STRIKE ON HEARST PAPER

### WISCONSIN NEWS WRITERS GET A TASTE OF CLASS WAR

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—One minute the pickets were shouting and singing, stumbling over the unfamiliar words of adapted songs and laughing at their mistakes. They walked fast, because the April night was chilly, but the line was orderly.

The next minute a man raised hands to eyes blinded by blood streaming from a cut inflicted by a police blow; another staggered under the impact of a rabbit punch; there was the clatter of breaking glass as the red Guild sound truck almost disappeared under a blue wave of officers.

Women, sick, shaken, terrified, tried to grope their way toward the end of the line, were caught between two solid walls of police who crushed them back to the center. Not until the officers had their fill of sadism did they disperse the crowd.

**DELIBERATE VIOLENCE**  
For the second time since the start of the strike Milwaukee police, acting apparently in premeditation, Friday night, had attacked and beaten men and women making peaceful protest against Hearst's refusal to bargain with the Guild.

This sort of thing, unless you've been in it—even when you've been in it—seems a little unreal. It's like a bad dream; all the time that it's going on, somewhere in your mind you're thinking, "But this isn't really happening; it can't happen." And then you see one of the girls, coughing and breathless. A police officer has punched her in the breast. You see an old woman, protesting to the officer, watch him pull back his foot and kick her. You see Gunnar Mickelson, vice president of the Guild here, a friend of yours, dragged and pulled into the patrol wagon; the officer's fist comes back, strikes, and your friend goes down. You hear Vern Partleau, one of the strikers, arguing with an officer, "My wife's in that car back there that your men are wrecking; Good God, don't you understand! I've got to see what's happening to her," and you hear the answer, "The hell with that stuff; get out of here damn you."

**THE POLICE ALIBI**  
And why you want to know, why did all this happen?

Police Capt. John Polyn (the officer who told one of our pickets, an American citizen, that he'd like to send him back to Russia) says it's because Mickelson, at the loud speaker, was making remarks which "might have led to a disturbance."

But the remarks which Polyn attributed to Mickelson were heard by none of the people on the picket line. On the contrary, the loud speaker's message several times during the evening urged the pickets to be orderly, pointed out that the police—almost equal in number to the pickets—"aren't here because they want to be."

**STRAWS IN THE WIND**  
We are still asking questions. What psychic power conveyed the idea to the police that the extemporaneous remarks which "might have led to a disturbance" were to be made at a certain hour? Why did they consult their watches so frequently and nervously as ten o'clock approached? Why did one officer say to another "there's one of the men we're going to get"? Why did an arresting officer tell a prisoner, "You're one of the boys we want?"

The Guild didn't want violence. J. Nash McCrea, strike chairman, when he saw a black jack in the hands of a detective, protested, said he feared that such a provocative tactic might cause trouble. The detective swung at Mac. Mickelson reported the incident over the loud speaker. Then, with a shout of "slam in and clean them up," the police charged. They swarmed all over the sound truck, broke a window, damaged expensive power equipment, tried to destroy the outside wiring.

Those arrested, besides Mickelson, were John Kehrl, Bricklayers and Masons Local No. 8; Jimmy Randall, Waiters and Cooks Local 122; Joseph Mullen, Hod Carriers and Building Laborers Local 113; Bob Collettine, research worker. Arraigned in district court on disorderly conduct charges, they demanded a jury trial, and had their bail raised from \$40 to \$100 each. The cases were placed on the day calendar by Judge Page to await the calling of a jury.

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### Citizen Committee Voices Support of News Guild Strike

NEW YORK.—Announcement is made of the formation of a national committee of citizens in support of the strike of the American Newspaper Guild against the Hearst Wisconsin News, in Milwaukee, which has been carried on since February 17th.

The fundamental issue in this strike is the right of editorial workers to bargain collectively regarding their conditions of work. Readers of Hearst publications and patrons of products advertised in Hearst publications have the power to bring Hearst to terms if they will cooperate. The committee asks every individual and every organization that can help to discontinue buying Hearst publications and to refrain from buying the products advertised therein until the strike is fairly settled.

Contributions of money are needed and should be addressed to the Citizens Hearst Strike Committee at Suite 702, 31 Union Square, New York City.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

John Howard, Chairman.  
Jeanette Lowe, Secretary, Roger N. Baldwin, Bruce Bliven, Le Roy Bowman, Rev. Edmund B. Chaffee, Dr. George S. Conits, John Dewey, Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein, William W. Hinckley, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Dr. Alvin Johnson, Rev. John Paul Jones, Rockwell Kent, W. H. Kilpatrick, E. C. Lindeman, Robert Morris Lovett, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Dr. Jesse H. C. McConell, Dr. Jesse H. Newlon, Evelyn Preston, Frederick L. Redifer, Rt. Rev. Mgr. John A. Ryan, Rev. W. B. Spotsford, Norman Thomas, Mary Van Kleeck, Oswald Garrison Villard, James Wechsler.

### WRITERS COMMITTEE

Sidney Howard, Sinclair Lewis, Dorothy Thompson, Edna Ferber, Joseph Wood Krutch, Lincoln Steffens, Laurence Stallings, Paul de Kruif, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Stuart Chase, Robert F. Sherwood, George S. Kaufman.

### Secret Ballot on News Guild Choice

WASHINGTON.—A secret ballot has been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board within the next 10 days, to determine representatives of the Associated Press employees for collective bargaining. The order followed hearings on a petition by the American Newspaper Guild, and a complaint filed in connection with the dismissal of Morris Watson, Associated Press employee in New York, for Guild activities.

### Victories for 2 Labor Prisoners

PORTLAND, Ore.—Dirk De Jonge now serving 7 years on charges of Criminal Syndicalism, will carry his case to the U. S. Supreme Court. The Oregon State Supreme Court has granted De Jonge the right to appeal. The American Civil Liberties Union will aid him.

De Jonge was arrested in July, 1934, for speaking at an open air meeting sponsored by the Communist Party here in protest against the shooting of two unarmed pickets during the maritime strike. Edward Denny, arrested with him, is serving a two year term.

Walter Baer, now being held in the East for deportation because of his militant labor activity, may return here soon. Baer has won several months stay of deportation by appealing his case in the district court of New York. Bail is being raised in Portland for a Portland engineer.

## Turning the Pacific Into a Network of Fortified Islands; Who Benefits?

### THREE POWERS ARE THREE ROBBERS

The phrase "Protecting American interests" is common enough to deserve some investigation. If it means the interests and welfare of the majority of the American people, we can accept it with approval. But when, as is more often the case, it means the protection of the foreign financial investments of American millionaires, it becomes an alarming indication of capitalist corruption.

Today the islands of the Pacific are being converted into iron and steel fortifications as rapidly as the governments of Japan, Great Britain and the United States can put through record-breaking armament appropriations.

**THE AGGRESSOR**  
Japan, the aggressor in North China, is correctly blamed as being the instigator of this Pacific armaments race. Blandly ignoring all treaties, she has already heavily fortified her mandated islands, commenced a military conquest of China and has proclaimed her intention of securing dominance over the whole of Asia. In the field of fortifications and war preparations, she is far in the lead of either Britain or America.

Be that as it may, it is a matter of a quarrel among thieves and not an issue which the American people can shed their blood with any sense or benefit.

### ALL HANDS DIRTY

Japan's military ambitions are infamous enough. But they will be opposed by the peoples of Asia and the revolutionary protests of her own population. America and Britain are as anxious to suppress the peoples of Asia as Japan is and have committed more infamies in this regard than the Japanese sabre rattlers; for all their blood-thirsty willingness. And that is the real crime in which all three imperialist interests share alike. Japan's crime is her effort to suppress the Oriental masses, not her desire to drive out her imperialist competitors. As far as the three cornered imperialist struggle is concerned, the masses of Asia are as bad off no matter who wins.

British and American imperialists at the present time are bending every diplomatic effort toward encouraging Japan to invade the Soviet Union. They would like to see their two most bitter foes engaged in destroying each other. This would distract Japan from conquests to the South and keep her off their imperialist skirt tails.

### MAY NOT BITE

Despite all urging and promises of financial support and concessions, there is a strong possibility Japan will not bite at the bait. The U. S. S. R. is a formidable military power and furthermore, Japan has more to gain in Central China and the South Seas than in Siberia. The South Sea islands represent an enormous food resource more valuable to Japanese ambitions than Siberia's snow-covered areas. Furthermore she has Britain and America at a disadvantage for the present, owing to her superior preparations.

Another factor is the impending financial crisis in Japan. The nation has been bled white to finance the building of her giant war machine and to carry out the conquest of North China. This places her in a similar position to Germany and Italy.

### MANY CONTRADICTIONS

Predictions as to which turn the war danger will take cannot be made with authority. In whatever direction the capitalist nations turn, they are faced with conflicting interests and hampering contradictions. One can only cite the preparations that are going forward and the potentialities.

At the present time, America is preparing for war in the Pacific. Such a war would be a war between two competitive capitalist interests which could contribute nothing toward the welfare of the American people and would be indirectly pointed toward subjugation of the Oriental peoples.

There are two main slogans behind which the American people can rally.

### HANDS OFF THE ORIENT.

ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED.

PULLMAN, Wash., May 7.—Winning virtually all their demands against campus "blue laws," Washington State College students tonight were ready to return to classes after a day-old strike, it was announced by leaders of the walkout.

### THE ROOSEVELT TREND; TO WAR OR PEACE?

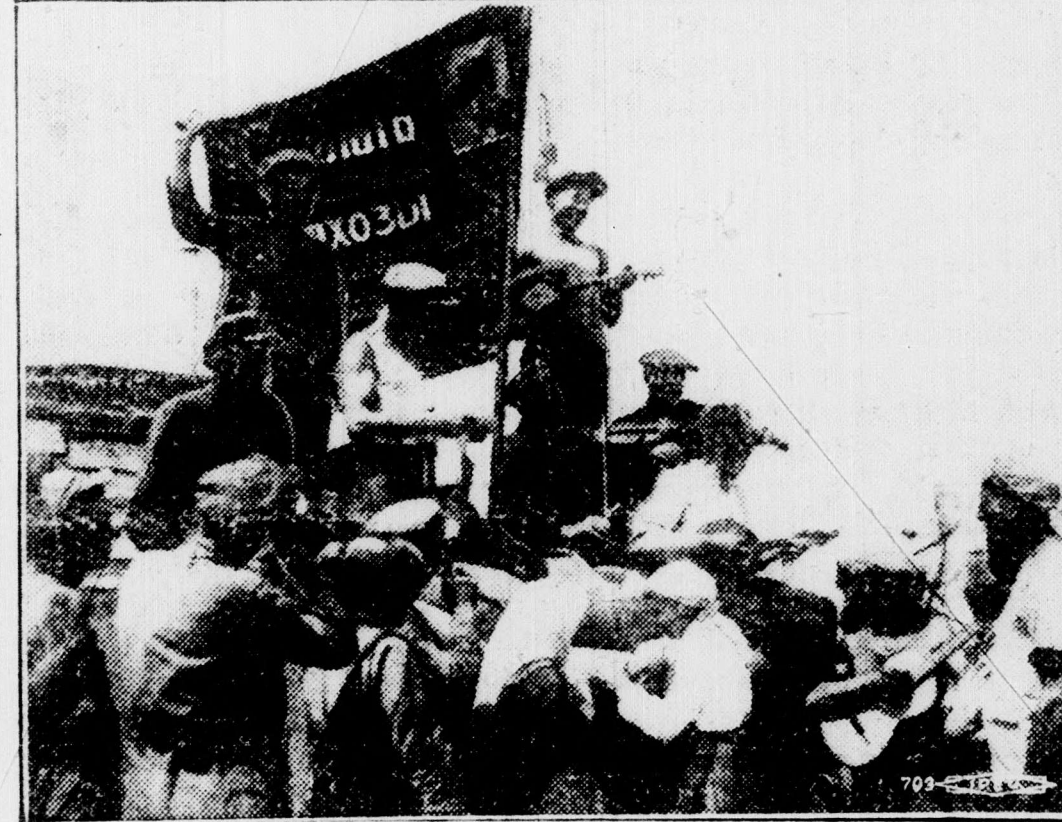


It was under the administration of President Roosevelt that the American government proclaimed its determination to defend American "interests" (read Wall

Street interests) in the Orient. It was under this same administration that the greatest peace-time war appropriations in all time were made by Congress.

## WALTER DURANTY CALLS THE RED ARMY THE ONLY ARMY IN THE WORLD REALLY BUILT FOR DEFENSE

### CELEBRATING A BUMPER CROP



Happy farmers on a collective farm in the Ukraine hailing the harvest with songs and banners. Walter Duranty says of the Soviet people: "They shout gaily to you in a joking and friendly manner; in other words, they are cheerful. That, perhaps, psychologically speaking, is the surest proof of the success of the Soviet government."

## Real and Absolute Independence Is Offered to Puerto Rico in New Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—Representative Vito Marcantonio, (R., N. Y.) today introduced in Congress a bill to provide "real and absolute independence" for the Puerto Rican people. The bill is entitled as one for "the granting of sovereignty" to Porto Rico and for "neighborly relations with the proposed government of Puerto Rico."

Contrasting his measure with the plebiscite bill introduced several days ago by the Tory Senator Tydings (D., Md.) Marcantonio issued a statement saying that the Tydings bill proposed "an American-controlled plebiscite and a commonwealth which will be under the thumb of the American government." Such a bill, Marcantonio declared, "is not desired by the Puerto Rican people, as their concerted protest shows."

Marcantonio's bill would "recognize the independence of Puerto Rico as a separate and self-governing nation." I would acknowledge the authority and control over Puerto Rico "of any government which the people thereof may constitute and the right of the government of Puerto Rico to decide all internal questions, including those relating to American prop-

erty and citizens and diplomatic relations without interference or intervention."

All problems which may arise between the United States and Puerto Rico "from the formation of the sovereign Puerto Rican government," the bill states, "shall be submitted for arbitration to a joint commission appointed by the government of the U. S. and the government of Puerto Rico."

The President would appoint a commission of five to carry out such arbitration.

Immigration restrictions would be left to the independent government of Puerto Rico and there would be free entry of Puerto Rican products into the United States. "This principle," the bill says, "is to be recognized in a treaty between the two nations." Discussion of this treaty which would be begun within 90 days "after the new government of Puerto Rico expressed its desire to begin," would be made "with the best intentions of developing Puerto Rican economy and the wellbeing of its people."

### STOOL-PIGEON WORK

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## RIOTS IN PALESTINE LAID TO DUPLICITY OF GREAT BRITAIN

### MADE CONTRADICTORY PLEDGES TO BOTH RACES INVOLVED

By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN  
Federated Press.

JERUSALEM.—(FP)—Britain's war time government, bidding for allies, promised Palestine both to the Jews and the Arabs. Unable to deliver, British imperialism since that time has played a cat-and-mouse game with the two peoples. This has again led to a serious outbreak of riots, bloodshed and looting, in which innocent men, women and children are perishing. Tens of thousands live in fear and trembling of wholesale massacres in the outlying villages and settlements. The economic fabric of the country has once more been completely thrown out of gear.

### Puerto Rico Hits American Looting

### RAPED BY WALL STREET GREED

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, May 11.—The bill introduced by Senator Tydings at Washington for granting Puerto Rican independence in November, 1937, has been received with great dissatisfaction by the people here owing to the fact that the terms of the bill present a choice of accepting a freedom which would amount to economic ruin, or to continue under the present unsatisfactory colonialism.

The independence bill complicates the situation around the trial of Pedro Albizu Campos, Nationalist leader who was arrested and charged with conspiracy to overthrow the United States government on the island.

In reference to America's relation to Puerto Rico, Campos recently stated:

### SEIZURE BY FORCE

The Treaty of Paris imposed by force by the United States on Spain on April 11, 1899, is null and void so far as Puerto Rico is concerned. Therefore the military intervention in our country by the United States is simply the most brutal and abusive act of force perpetrated in contemporary history.

"We demand the withdrawal of the armed forces of the United States from our soil as a natural and legitimate defense of the independence of Puerto Rico."

"We are not so fortunate as our forefathers of 1868. They fought for the pure principle of national sovereignty. They had no grievance against Spain. Against the United States we have to file claims for indemnity for the enormous wrong perpetrated systematically and in cold blood against a peaceful and defenseless nation."

### TRENDENOUS WEALTH

"On paper the balance of trade of Puerto Rico, during the years of the military intervention of the United States, totals about \$400,000,000 gold. According to that imposing figure, Puerto Rico should be one of the richest and most prosperous countries of the world. In fact, misery is our patrimony. That money is in possession of United States citizens on the continent."

"Conservative estimates of the financial value of the commercial monopoly imposed by force by the United States on our country, in virtue of which we must sell our goods to North America at the price they may deem convenient; to pay, and in return we must pay for North American goods at the price that Americans may wish to impose, is calculated at no less than \$500,000,000 gold."

### POVERTY AND DISEASE

"The result of such heartless exploitation and abuse of our country is evident in the widespread poverty, disease and high mortality of our population, the highest in the Americas."

"Seventy-six per cent of the total national wealth is in the hands of a few North American corporations, for whose sole benefit the present military government is run."

(See additional Puerto Rico news at bottom of this page.)

### MOSCOW

—(FP)—The number of higher educational institutions in the Soviet Union has grown from 137 in 1930 to 591 in 1935. The number of students increased from 191,000 to 519,000.

### DAVE the TAILOR

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### PIERRE VAN PAASSEN



The Jews have performed the miracle of rescuing the ancient Holy Land out of the ghastly inertia into which nine centuries of Turkish neglect and misrule had plunged it. By almost superhuman efforts, they have made a garden spot out of a land that was desert and quagmires 15 years ago. Slowly the standard of living has been rising for all the inhabitants as modern conditions of labor and economy were introduced. Money has been pouring into the country. Hundreds of schools have been built. Technicians, clinics, laboratories, even a university have been installed.

### BROKEN PROMISES

Yet again England allows a big disturbance in the work of up-building which she as the holder of a mandate for the League of Nations has solemnly promised to facilitate.

Backward Arabic peasants did the attacking, edged on and whipped up by the fanatical Moslem leaders, or mutis, all belong to the handful of aristocratic Arabic families who own four-fifths of the land in Palestine.

The British are in Palestine as a guardian on behalf of the League of Nations. They are charged with the task of "facilitating" the building of a homeland for the Jewish people. That promise was made by the Foreign Office of London in 1917 in an attempt to win world Jewish opinion to the side of the allies. At the same time, however, the Colonial Office of London, through its representatives in the Near East, promised the Arabs a federated Arabic empire with thrones for the Arabic princes in Damascus, Bagdad, Jerusalem and Mecca. The condition was that the Arabs fight the Turks.

### CONTRADICTORY PLEDGES

These two diametrically opposed promises have thrown Palestine and the Near East into turmoil time and again.

At present the British want to revive the Arabic empire idea because they want to build up a counter-balance to Mussolini in the Near East. When Mussolini has completed his conquest of Ethiopia, he will dominate the Red Sea. He will have ousted Britain from first position in that part of the world. England is therefore going to build up the Arabic federation. The Arabic peoples may again, if they like, pull the chestnuts out of the fire for England in a coming armed conflict.

England is sorry today she ever promised to make Palestine a home for the Jews. For Palestine is needed as a keystone in the arch of the Arabic federation. Yet England dares not openly repudiate her promises to the Jewish people. Hence she lets—and encourages—the Arabs to riot against the Jews, so that when the riots are over London can say to the Jews: "You see we were quite willing to let you have your homeland, but the Arabs are against you. We must make a new arrangement. We will change the status of Palestine."

That is the significance of the periodic bloody outbreaks in Palestine.

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# Sixth of Nation Depends on Public Agencies for food, Clothing

## HOPKINS ADMITS WPA UNABLE TO PROVIDE RELIEF

ADMINISTRATOR DECLARES JOBLESS ARMY TO BE PERMANENT

WASHINGTON—(FP)—At least one sixth of the population of the richest nation on earth is dependent upon public agencies for food and clothing, testimony by Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, before the House appropriations committee, reveals.

Hopkins testified in behalf of the request made of Congress by President Roosevelt for an appropriation of \$1,500,000,000 to carry the WPA program through to July, 1937. His testimony, given in secret, was made public as the appropriations committee reported the bill to the House. Appropriation of money for relief remains the only major legislative job the House must do before adjourning, in the opinion of administration leaders.

Hopkins testimony also revealed that the \$1,500,000,000 appropriation will not carry the WPA program through for 12 months, unless the number on federal relief projects is cut to 2,000,000. At present there are, on all federal relief projects, approximately 3,400,000.

### ONE IN SIX

The total number of persons receiving aid from local, state and federal agencies is approximately 19,000,000, figures produced by Hopkins show. This number, equaling approximately one sixth of the population of the United States, is exclusive of the administrative staffs, and of those receiving aid from private charities or from other private sources. The 19,000,000 also fails to indicate the number in need of assistance in order to maintain decent standards of living. The similar figure for January 1935 was 22,000,000 and for January 1934, 27,000,000, according to Hopkins' statement.

No explanation was made indicating what has happened to approximately 8,200,000 persons supported by public agencies in 1934 but not in 1936. According to A. E. of L. figures, unemployment in January 1934 was 13,382,000 which dropped to only 12,640,000 by January 1936.

### JOBLESS PERMANENT

Also indicated during the course of the hearings was the expectation that the federal government faces a permanent problem of unemployment. Rep. Woodrum (D. Va.) asked Hopkins, "Would it, in your opinion have been humanly possible for the state to have met this problem without the aid of the federal government?"

"No. It would not," Hopkins replied. "They could not meet it now?" Woodrum persisted. "Certainly not. They could not begin to meet it," Hopkins answered. "We have got a permanent problem on our hands?" Woodrum asked. "Of course I do not think relief answers the problem of un-

### ATTACKED



The American Legion at Huntington, W. Va., is seeking removal of President James E. Allen above, of Marshall College on grounds of spreading subversive propaganda. He is alleged to have predicted the Constitution would be changed in ten years.

## WILLIAM MAHAN TAKEN WITHOUT ANY 'GUN PLAY'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—Most widely-hunted and sought for criminal in the United States, William Mahan surrendered peacefully to three federal officers here yesterday in a vacant lot at Minna and Russ streets, less than a block away from the Department of Justice headquarters in the Federal Building.

Although he was heavily armed, Mahan surprisingly offered no resistance whatsoever and was rushed without gun play to the Federal Building.

Five hours later, manacled and heavily guarded, he was taken aboard a specially chartered airplane back to Tacoma where he and companions kidnapped George Weyerhaeuser, 9-year-old son of a wealthy industrialist, a year ago for \$200,000 ransom.

According to reports, Mahan fully confessed leadership in the "snatch."

employment," Hopkins dodged.

Discussed during the hearings was the WPA sponsored play, "Triple A Plowed Under," now running in New York which concludes with a call for a Farmer-Labor Party. Hopkins was asked whether the play was part of any political propaganda sponsored by the AAA. Members discussed whether or not the play, which severely criticizes the scarcity program of administration, was directed against the Supreme Court.

Hopkins endorsed the piece as "an excellent play."

## IF YOU ARE

---A maritime worker, an agricultural worker, a trade unionist, an unemployed or WPA worker, a housewife, office worker, intellectual, Negro worker, Mexican worker, or Filipino worker.

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## Federal Court Ruling Sets Basis for Protection of Workers from Silicosis

CHICAGO.—(FP)—Greedy employers who would not guard their workers against the deadly dust that brings silicosis were given a jolt in Judge Wilkerson's federal court, April 25, when the duPont dynasty was told that it could not wriggle out of facing a personal injury suit. Illinois law courts had refused to hear the case.

Beulah Andris, employed in the Chicago plant of the DuPont Celophane Co., a Delaware corporation, brought suit in the Cook county circuit court in March 1935. At that time the Illinois occupational disease compensation law had not yet been knocked out by the supreme court of the state.

### DU PONT'S AGAIN

The DuPonts in June got the case transferred to the federal courts, claiming that they were not an Illinois corporation and that the amount involved was over \$3000. In the fall the state law was nullified and the DuPonts employed as their counsel the same lawyers who had led the attack on the law.

They argued that there is no common law right to sue for occupational disease because the common law did not know of such things when it was formed. To this Atty. Francis Heiler for Miss Andris replied that the common law right to sue for injuries resulting from employer's negligence covered the case.

In his ruling Judge Wilkerson stated, "In the above case Judge Wilkerson today overruled the action to dismiss the amended complaint."

### NEGLIGENCE

This means that the duPonts will have to defend the case on its merits and not be able to escape on common law technicalities thought up by anti-labor lawyers. The case is expected to go to trial before the summer vacation.

The evidence of negligence is overwhelming. The plaintiff worked in the inspection department of the duPonts for several years. The dust was scooped up every now and then by the shovel and protection was almost nonexistent. Since the suit was brought the department has been revolutionized, having big fans and constant cleaning. Doctors certified that Miss Andris suffered from silicosis, a kind of pneumoconiosis.

Similar suits can now be brought by other worker-sufferers against all corporations incorporated outside of Illinois and operating in the state, provided the amount involved is over \$3000.

### PROTECTION POSSIBLE

Secretary of Labor Perkins said in Washington May 1 that silicosis is a preventable disease, declaring "The fact that silicosis has been prevented in certain industries where there is exposure is sufficient grounds for making us believe that it can be successfully combated in practically all the industries and that every effort should be made to study the particular needs and problems of those industries so as to devise ways suitable for the control of the disease."

In plain words this means that employers can protect their workers from silicosis if they feel like it. Public attention was first dramatically drawn to the scourge of silicosis when the Peoples Press exposed the needless death of hundreds of workers in a private utility construction job at Gauley Bridge, West Va. This led to a congressional investigation.

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## MUST TAKE ANY JOB OR STARVE

ALL EMPLOYABLE FAMILY MEMBERS DENIED AID

CHICAGO.—(FP)—All county relief authorities in Illinois have been notified that families with employable members are to be cut off from relief. They can regain relief only if the employable member shows the authorities certificates from three employers, of labor stating that the man has applied for a job and no job of any kind was available, according to the Ill. Emergency Relief Commission.

In communities where strikes are in progress the client will have to find three other employers to sign the certificates. If such employers refuse to sign because of solidarity with the struck employer the client will have to apply for the "scab" job or starve, if the relief ruling is strictly carried out. The same would apply to cases where employers had locked out their men and were trying to operate with a new force.

## Workers Register For Summer Term

LOS ANGELES.—Registration is well under way here for the summer term of the Los Angeles Workers' School, scheduled to begin Monday, May 18th, at 230 South Spring Street.

A minimum of 10 students will be necessary for a class. Fees for the six weeks term will be 75 cents for employed workers and 35 cents for unemployed. Classes to be taught include:

Principles of Communism, Monday, Instructor, Echols; Seventh World Congress of Communist International, Monday, Instructor, Bigelman; Political Economy, Monday, Instructor, Munn; Public Speaking, Monday; News of the Week, Tuesday, Instructor, Bonner; Health and Hygiene, Tuesday, Instructor, Braden; Rulers of America, Wednesday, Instructor, Bonner; Why a Farmer-Labor Party, Wednesday, Instructor, Ashe; Labor Defense, Wednesday, Instructors, Cutler and Grover Johnson; Current Trends in the Trade Union Movement, Wednesday, Instructor, Schwartz; Leninism, Friday, Instructor, Leitner.

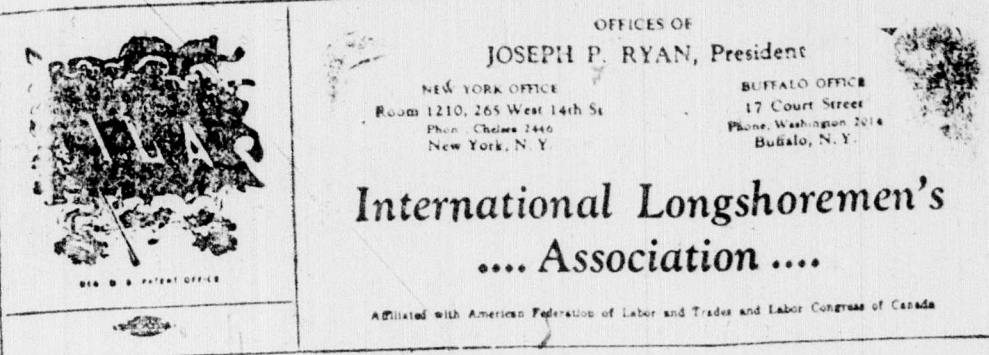
A course in Russian will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., for which fee will be \$1.50 for employed and 75 cents for unemployed.

All classes will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m., except the class in Leninism, which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

### TOM MOONEY BRANCH TO GIVE SPAGHETTI DINNER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist League is giving a dinner dance Friday, May 22nd, 7 p.m. at 121 Haight Street here. Admission is twenty-five cents which includes a spaghetti dinner, and dancing afterwards to orchestra music. The affair is open to the public and all young people are invited.

## PLEASE COME TO MY PARTY



New York, N.Y., April 14, 1936.

Liberty of calling your attention to the fact that the DINNER-DANCE of the JOSEPH P. RYAN ASSOCIATION, to be held this year at the Hotel Commodore on Saturday May 16th, tickets \$6.00 per person, tables can be reserved for you or twelve.

Especially want the Dinner to be well attended this year. As you are aware, our Standard Bearer "JOE" is being severely attacked by not only the Communists in our ranks and in the ranks of the Seamen, but also by the radicals of all other branches of labor due to the determined stand he has taken as President of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York and vicinity and President of the I.L.A., to see to it that they do not get control of the American labor movement.

A well attended Dinner-Dance will not only encourage "JOE" but greatly dishearten his opponents who claim they are gaining ground and that he is losing prestige. We will therefore appreciate having as many representatives from your company present as possible. May we book you for a table?

Very truly yours,  
JOHN R. OWENS  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Six bucks per plate to help Joseph P. Ryan fight the "reds." Joe, as the letter attests, is the employers' standard bearer in the fight to crush all militancy in the I. L. A. as well as in other maritime unions. This letter was mailed to all waterfront employers and stevedoring firms.

## WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

### CCC DANCES

Omaha, Neb.  
April 26, 1936.

Editor Western Worker:

There recently appeared an article in the Omaha "World Herald" and the following is the leading paragraph:

"You wonder what type of girl would go to a CCC dance? I wondered too — and therefore went."

The writer describes the girls as of the "lower classes" which also includes the "street girl." The word is severe but these girls, herded like a bunch of cattle in trucks supplied by the government, bravely stand the chill.

The boys are shy and girls are almost compelled to dance with each other. The actual "good time" does not start until late, but at 12 o'clock they are informed the time is up. Once more they take their standing room in the trucks and are taken back.

I see tremendous need in political education in these camps and believe the Communist Party should not neglect the opportunities to open the eyes of these boys so that they could clearly visualize the position into which they have been forced.

J. B.

### A CORRECTION

San Jose, Calif.  
April 29, 1936.

Editor Western Worker:

In response to a letter of April 22 by "I. M." I want to clarify some misunderstanding.

In the first place my letter of criticism was not printed in full and in part was to some extent misinterpreted. "I. M." assumes that I believe that workers' correspondence should be sacrificed for the sake of foreign news. In my letter I particularly specified that the workers' correspondence is essential so that the Western Worker may actually become a broad workers' paper. (This part was not printed.)

What I do believe is that workers' correspondence should be increased and stories that are reprinted from books or appear to be, should be decreased.

The main point that led me to write criticism is that when the readers of the Western Worker are asked by sympathizers and their friends for an explanation of some important up to date event they must look into the capitalist papers for information. In most cases such information is incorrect.

I recommend that a special workers' correspondence department be set up, composed of workers who are every day connected with the working people, who know their feelings and their mood so that when their articles are not printed a letter of explanation will be sent to them.

Friendly constructive criticism

is a means to our goal! B. R.

Editor's Note: Letters to this department are cut only because they are too long. The Western Worker is receiving lots of letters these days and would like to print them all. One long letter may, if printed in its entirety, shut out three or four others. Letters should never be more than 150 words in length.

### RESENTS CRITICISM

Long Beach, Calif.  
April 30, 1936.

Editor Western Worker:

I note, in your issue of April 16, a letter in Workers Open Forum which seems to me to be rather unfair to you and the staff of your journal.

The writer... complains that you do not publish enough information regarding the Italo-Ethiopian war, news of Germany, Japan, etc. He says you insert too many stories and poems and that there are very few statistical facts.

I think the publication of masses of statistics should be avoided... As to information regarding the war, and Germany and Japan—how can the Western Worker get this? Shall we imagine a Western Worker correspondent at the front when the staff of that journal is probably starving for "coffee and" and finds it hard enough to get a representative to an agricultural strike.

Shall the Western Worker publish stories and poems? Certainly. Why not? A narrow, sectarian political paper would attract little attention from workers...

Let's have criticism, but let it be founded upon facts. Having been a working-class editor, I can realize about what the staff of the Western Worker is up against.

H. F. K.

\$15 Per Month Is Average Given to 690,000 in Need

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Aid to 690,277 persons in 31 states and the District of Columbia, will be given by the Social Security Board during the 3 months ending June 30, the Social Security Board announced.

Total monthly expenditures for these persons is estimated at \$19,509,466.05 of which \$8,638,752 is for aid to the needy aged, \$478,845 for aid to the needy blind, and \$1,391,868 for aid to dependent children. Each of the persons receiving aid in states having approved plans will get an average of \$45 for the quarter or approximately \$15 a month, according to the Board's figures.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL RUN CANDIDATES IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS — REGISTER COMMUNIST NOW!

## SEEKS SHIPPER AID IN BATTLE AGAINST 'REDS'

Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, through his stooge, John R. Owens, invited shipowners and stevedoring companies to attend a dinner given by the "Joseph P. Ryan Association" at the swanky Commodore Hotel in New York City on May 9.

Waterfront employers were asked to kick in with \$6 a ticket and it was suggested they buy whole tables at Mr. Ryan's banquet.

In a letter sent all employers it was explained that the banquet, if well attended, would encourage "our Standard Bearer 'JOE'" who is being severely attacked by not only the Communists in our ranks and in the ranks of the Seamen, but also by the radicals of all other branches of labor."

Ryan is also president of New York Central Trades and Labor Council. John R. Owens is secretary-treasurer of the "Joseph P. Ryan Association" and holds a similar office in the I.L.A.

First thing Ryan did when he arrived on the Pacific Coast during the 1934 maritime strike was to have breakfast with Thomas G. Plant of the Waterfront Employers Association in San Francisco. Out of this meeting came the infamous "June 16 Agreement," an open sell-out unanimously rejected by the longshoremen.

The letter to the shippers inviting them to the banquet bears the seal of the I. L. A. and, as indicated on the letterhead, is for use only in the "Offices of Joseph P. Ryan, President."

## FIVE HURT WHEN SHIP EXPLODES

MARTINEZ, Calif., May 8.—Four seamen and a woman were seriously injured here yesterday when a terrific explosion partially wrecked the steam schooner Helen P. Drew, at dock here. Three of the seamen were hurled into the bay.

The injured were: Mrs. John Samuelsno, 39, 951 O'Farrell st., San Francisco, wife of the captain; Alf Olsen, 39, seaman; Charles Atedahl, 52, Oakland, second mate; and Clyde Marshman, 23, 1132 Lawson street, San Francisco, seaman.

First and second degree burns about the face, arms and neck were suffered by all five victims.

The ship was taking aboard 350 barrels of gasoline and fuel oil when the explosion occurred. Olsen, Atedahl and Kattel were blown overboard.

The schooner arrived here Tuesday night from Crescent City.

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RESERVE THIS DATE: Saturday night, May 23rd, at 121 Haight Street Auditorium, the first showing of the pictures of the San Francisco 1936 May Day Parade and Demonstration will take place. The whole parade from the Waterfront to the Civic Center will be shown on the screen. Don't miss it! If you took part in the parade, come and see yourself. If you were absent, here is your chance to see it. The picture will last 30 minutes, after which there will be dancing until midnight. Admission 25c. Auspices House Committee, 121 Haight Street.

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# Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

There has been a demand for working class verses to fit well known songs and marches so that we can sing them at meetings and demonstrations. I wrote these for May Day, but they are reaching you a little late. Maybe you can use them next time.

The one that was asked for particularly was Dixie Land. And that was quite a problem because the tune of the song is so care-free and "don't-give-a-damn" that it doesn't fit working class messages very accurately. However, here it is. Later columns will give the words for, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the Boys Are Marching," "Yankee Doodle," "Marching Through Georgia," "Over There," and a lot more.

## THERE'S A WAY, WORKING MAN

(To the Tune of Dixie Land)

The rich are snobs and their system's rotten,  
Years of hell are not forgotten;  
There's a way. There's a way. There's a way.  
Working man.

We built the plant and snobs now own them,  
Time is coming to dethrone them;  
There's a way. There's a way. There's a way.  
Working man.

### Chorus:

We can build a better system,  
Hooray. Hooray.  
We'll take the land in labor's hand  
And socialize the nation;  
Away, away, away with all their faking;  
Away, away, away with profit making.

The worker, farmer and poor white collar  
Pool their mighty strength and holler:  
There's a way. There's a way. There's a way.  
Working man.

A strong united front can beat them,  
Let the voice of labor greet them;  
There's a way. There's a way. There's a way.  
Working man.

### Repeat Chorus.

## THE BATTLE HYMN OF LABOR

(To the Tune of Battle Hymn of the Republic.)

We will end their greedy system which is  
rotten to the core,  
It has trampled out the souls of men and  
slaughtered them in war,  
It shall make the lives of working men a hell on  
earth no more;  
WE SWEAR TO CHANGE THE  
WORLD.

### Chorus:

Build the Farmer-Labor Party,  
Build the Farmer-Labor Party,  
Build the Farmer-Labor Party,  
AND CHANGE THE LOUSY  
WORLD.

We are marching from the factories, the of-  
fices and fields  
With the hammer and the sickle carved upon  
our flaming shields,  
We have joined our might in common cause,  
our courage never yields;  
WE SWEAR TO CHANGE THE  
WORLD.

### Repeat Chorus.

Our strength built all the cities, spread the farms,  
turned all the wheels;  
All the fruits of labor's sweating now belong  
to Wall Street heels,  
We'll reclaim the world our labor built and  
smash their profit seals;  
WE SWEAR TO CHANGE THE  
WORLD.

In a land of vast abundance, men are starving  
today;  
In a land of living plenty, we are told to starve  
and pray;  
In the name of hungry children we will sweep  
their rule away;  
WE SWEAR TO CHANGE THE  
WORLD.

### Repeat Chorus.

## IN ONE DAY'S PAPER (Capitalist)

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1936.

Joe Taylor was arrested for passing bum  
checks and he turned out to be a girl named  
Elma Stubbard.

Mussolini proclaimed Ethiopia Italian terri-  
tory.

A 26-year-old white slaver got a 3-year sen-  
tence, despite the entreaties of one of the women  
he was selling.

# How Idiocy of Competition is Ruining America

## PEOPLE MUST HALT BOSSES' PROFITABLE DRIVE TO STRIP COUNTRY OF ITS RESOURCES

Did you know that the oil in the proven oil fields in the United States will be gone by 1949?

Or that out of the 800 million acres of virgin forest there was once in the United States, only 100,000,000 are left, and they are fast disappearing?

Or that the present reserves of zinc in this country will be gone within 15 years?

Or that the coal reserves of the country can only last for a few more generations?

And do you realize that the greediness of the capitalists bids fair to leave coming generations of Americans in a tight fix for all the vital necessities of life?

The one thing that is most characteristic of the capitalist, the big banker, or industrialist, or mine owner, is that he doesn't give a continental what will happen to entire future generations after he is gone, so long as he has milked the last possible drop of profit out of the great expanse of land, the huge reserves of natural resources, which rightfully belong not to a handful of pirates who have grabbed them, but to every American, for the common good of every one who inhabits this country.

Think of it—a handful of pirates—able to condemn untold millions of Americans as yet unborn to privation and suffering! Think of it and then see if you can tell yourself that such a system oughtn't to be rooted out, lock, stock and barrel, for the happiness of America, present and future.

### WHAT THEY'D DONE TO OIL

Let's take a peep into oil and natural gas, the prey of that old buzzard, John D. Rockefeller. Californians are particularly interested in oil. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, is frank enough to admit that the greedy practices of the oil capitalists will imperil the future of the country if unchecked. But his chief worry is that "without oil for our air fleets they would gather cobwebs in their hangars, we would have no mechanized artillery or motorized transport—for war, he means. But without oil America's millions will lack for the vital necessities of life, for factory wheels will cease to move, food will not be transported."

There are about 13 billion barrels of oil in the country's known fields. Because of greedy capitalist competition, millions of gallons have been wasted, due to overproduction; no efforts at conservation can be made under such a planlessness. And so, by 1949, 13 billion gallons of oil will be gone, unless the American people see to it that the greedy system which is the cause of it all is gone first.

Here is what capitalism does to the oil reserves:

### HOW GREED OPERATES

It overflows the wells in flush-production areas and develops such fields faster than the ability to buy oil warrents. It operates the wells with improper gas-oil ratios. It produces a tremendous physical wastage, at the surface, of vitally important gas, resulting in lower ultimate recovery of oil from the reservoir.

It wastes millions of gallons which are lost due to leakage, evaporation and fire because of the erection of excessive storage facilities above ground. And this is done because so much more oil is taken from the ground than there is a market for.

It brings about premature abandonment, as a result of demoralization of crude oil prices under the crazy competitive system, of thousands of small pumping wells, which could yield large amounts of oil if allowed to continue to produce.

And this crazy, planless capitalist system results, in the Texas Panhandle as an example, in a billion cubic feet of gas a day being blown in the air. It is enough fuel to produce six times the 3 million kilowatt hours of electric energy annually consumed in Texas. Not only is it a criminal waste of fuel, but it makes recovery of huge amounts of oil next to impossible because of the loss of its pressure.

### THE SLAUGHTER OF TREES

Now for timber. In the mad race for profits, the timber barons have carelessly cut over and burnt untold acres where forest will never grow again. Did they care a hang, not only for the fix in which they might leave future

American generations because of the destruction of the forests which are so vitally needed for life? They did not—capitalists care only for their own selfish interests.

Did they give a hoot for the thousands of lives, the tens of thousands of workers and farmers homes lost in floods which can be blamed directly on the forest destruction which brought about the top soils being washed away by waters which forests would have held back? Did they worry because their greediness made farms infertile, and brought about dust storms and drought which raised hell with the farmers? Not the capitalists—it didn't bother them any.

Two thirds of the nation's forest lands—or 490 million acres, are owned by private concerns, who have chosen to "mine" the forests recklessly, instead of cutting them scientifically so that a new timber crop could be grown for the future. The additional result is soil erosion—and dust storms and drought for the farmer. 400 million dollars a year are lost through soil erosion—because of the systematic wrecking of the forest lands by the timber barons.

### WHAT THEY DID TO METAL MINES

The nation's supplies of lead, zinc, copper, iron and other vital minerals once seemed inexhaustible. But the big mining interests, who stole the mineral resources in the first place, they belong to the entire public rightfully, in their greed opened up too many mines during the world war to supply the raw material for the weapons of slaughter.

The crisis came along and shriveled the market. Now the owners have been taking out only the richest ore—because competition demands it—and abandoning the lower grade ore mines. Pillars are taken out of the latter, ruining portions of these mines; mines are being allowed to fill with water. The result is that the country is left with about 10 million tons of lead, equal to about 15 years supply at the 1929 production rate.

The many small zinc mine holdings are being abandoned because greedy competition of the big companies has forced the prices down too low to make it profitable for the small men to operate any longer. Drainage from mine to mine is wrecking further havoc with these mines. Abandonment of a huge tonnage of lower grade zinc is the result, under conditions which will make ultimate recovery just about impossible.

The total reserves of zinc are 11 million tons now, only 15 years supply. The water menace to the mines is all the more serious because of the careless methods of mining under the unplanning capitalist system.

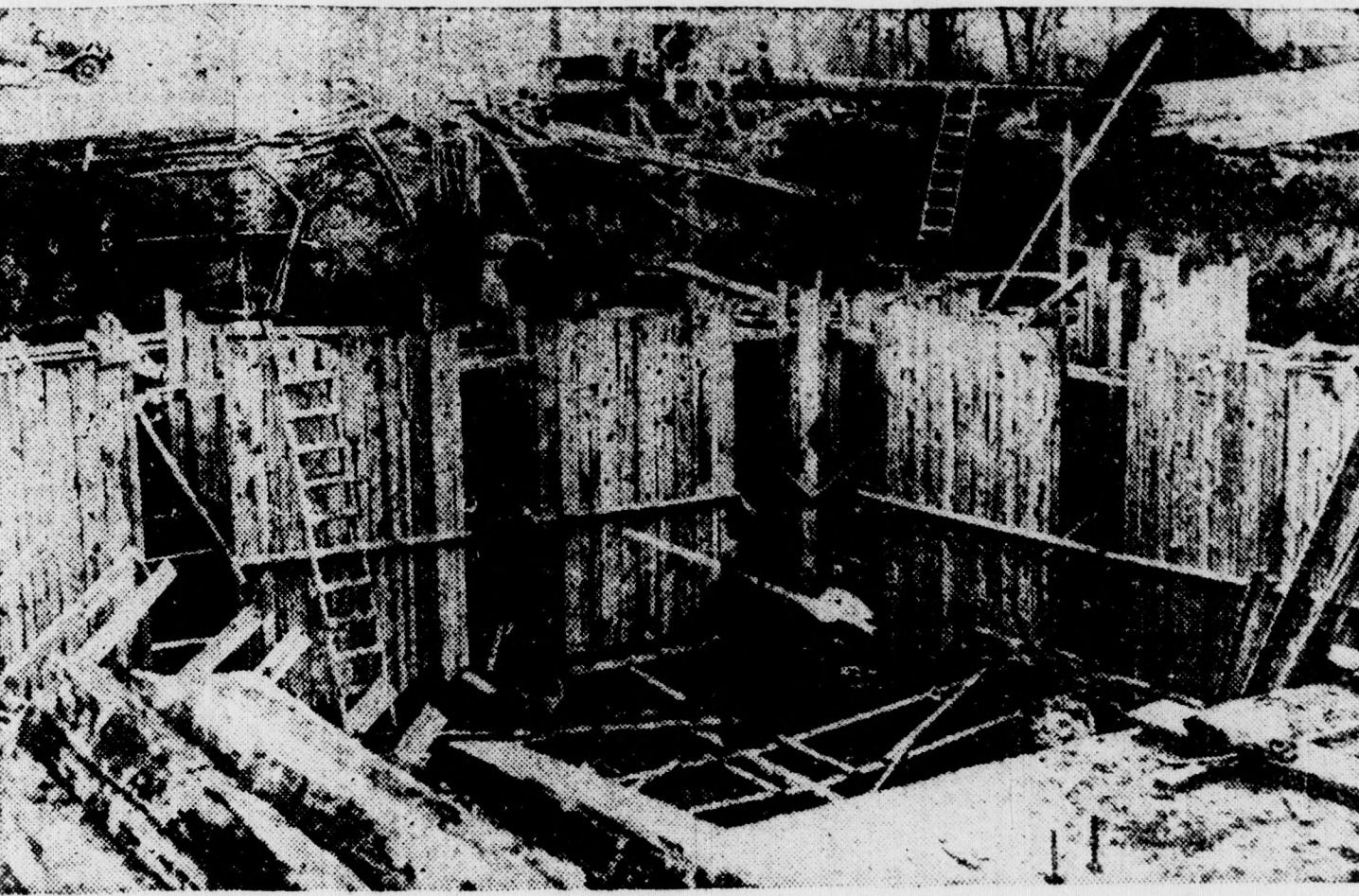
The greed of capitalism was playing hell with the coal industry long before the 1929 crash. Back in 1923 the United States was losing 150 million tons a year—enough to supply completely a nation like Germany. But now, the U. S. Bureau of Mines reports, 35 per cent of every bed mined is lost. In the last nine years 4802 soft coal mines have been abandoned, and only a few of them were worked out. Hundreds of millions of tons of coal are lost for good because of this.

The National Resources Board says "the losses are due to 'destructive competition'—which means capitalism and its planlessness. The Board naively says the losses 'are nobody's fault,' saying in the same breath that capitalism—for that is what they mean by destructive competition—is to blame."

### DOOMED COAL BEDS

Capitalism has doomed the life of the once wonderfully wealthy Pittsburgh coal bed in Pennsylvania to 100 years at best. It has doomed the once vast West Virginia beds to exhaustion within 85 years. It has done so because it has recklessly and unscientifically mined coal, greedily taken out the best there is down in the earth's bowels, paid no heed to reserves for the future, and abandoned mines by the thousands because they were no longer

## To Guard Their Gold—a Contrast in Foresight



Murder of America's forests, destruction of her fields, ruinous abandonment of her coal, zinc and lead, loss through fire, seepage and evaporation of her oil supply, mean nothing to the capitalists. If destruction is profitable then they will destroy.

But the remote possibility of their GOLD

being destroyed in war time gives them such a case of jitters that they are expending thousands of dollars on construction of these deep vaults in the hills of Ft. Knox, Ky. The vaults will house some three billions in gold from the mints, are made of granite and will be safe in war time.

## THE DIARY OF A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By LeMae

### Chapter II

Sailing day . . . Decks given a final washdown . . . Brass polished. A hundred and one odd jobs before the passengers pour aboard. Topside all spic and clean—but below decks, a mess.

We are loaded down. "Biggest cargo since I've been on her," a six-tripper told me. "And Dollar cries they're losing money."

For Dairen, China, case after case of machine guns were slung into the hatches, addressed to Japanese consignees. To raise soy beans in Manchuko—I wonder?

There was almost a near tragedy this morning. Longshoremen were loading bundles of compressed scrap tin—imperialistic food. The bales weigh about a hundred and fifty pounds each. They were loaded from a flat car, six at a time. A load swung in mid-air over the narrow freight car, above the heads of the longshore gang.

### LOOK OUT BELOW

"Look out below!" the hatch tender shouted in sudden warning. A jagged bundle of rusted tin tore loose from the sling and plunged downward—like a deadly bomb. The longshoremen huddled closely in a corner of the freight car. The potential shell crashed to the steel floor, narrowly missing the men. Under the old speed-up system, where the men were compelled to work "under the hook," someone would have been hurt seriously—possibly killed.

I'm wondering if its just coincidence that we have quite a number of naval officers as passengers bound for Shanghai.

Some idea of the acuteness of the war situation in the Far East can be gained from the fact that our cargo is what ordinarily would be termed as "seven knot cargo." That is, cargo carried in slower ships at much lower rates. The war makers are willing to pay the difference in rates to speed their death cargo.

The five minute whistle blew just as the last sack of mail was slung aboard. From the bridge came the order to "let go," as eight bells struck. We wrestled with the eight-inch mooring lines

"Profitable." And those mines can in all likelihood never again be worked.

These are all facts revealed by U. S. government sources. But they are facts which can and should make every worker, in fact, every thinking American, fill with hatred at the capitalist system and its greed for profits, which disregards the welfare of the future generations of America.

For the happiness of those future generations of Americans, as well as for our own well-being, we've got to see that the capitalist system goes. And until we are all able to agree on that necessity, we can at least elect to office, from the lowest to the highest, representatives of labor itself, and of all the oppressed sections of the people, who will put a check to this wanton destruction of our vital natural resources. That's one big reason why we need a Farmer-Labor Party now.

as our stern slowly backed out into the stream.

### WAR CARGO

We are Orient bound with machine guns, cotton and scrap iron for the war lords.

Golden Gate was disappearing over our stern as we set down to supper. The food was cold and badly served. A new set of mess boys fed us. "Damn it—just as one of these fellows learns how to serve the grub, they put him topside," Morton complained. This is quite true. Sailors are usually tolerant in all things. But after all, to put in a watch of active duty—and then wait hungrily while a green mess boy strives to hurry a cup of coffee without spilling it—and confuses the orders—is very disconcerting to hungry men, to say the least.

Neither one of the mess boys is over eighteen. Both are scared stiff. As though the sailors were going to eat them. One tries to hide his fear by acting real hard boiled. One of the fellows really thought the darn kid was tough and was going to make a pass at him. A timely word stopped it.

### MAKING STEWARDS

"Don't blame the kid—it's not his fault," Bozart spoke up.

However, it's a regular procedure "to break in" new stewards at the expense of the sailors. If they learn quickly they're promoted. If not—and the crew complains—they're fired.

About half the trip and the average youngster in the stewards' department is seeking information on how to sail on deck.

The worst part about the grub situation is the fact there is plenty of food and the menu "reads" swell. For example: Roast veal and dressing; Soup; beef stew; fried potatoes and onions; lima beans; coffee or tea; bread and butter and pie. Sounds good. But actually the only thing eatable was the soup—and that without a bit of seasoning.

The veal had a peculiar taste to it. The beans were only half cooked. The potatoes and onions were warmed over from several days before. The pie was like wet sawdust. The coffee was very black, lukewarm and bitter. The tea tasted mildew.

### INDIFFERENT

Those responsible for the feeding of the crew do not have to eat the grub they feed the men. Result—they are indifferent to the job. Chinese cooks eat their own native chow, especially cooked. The third steward feasts on "first class chow." Even the mess boys fare better than we.

Same situation aboard all Dollar liners—except where crews have taken action.

Last trip the sailors protested the food several times but without results. Probably because they failed to enlist the engine room gang in the fight. The engine room gang eats the same uncooked, unseasoned and badly served chow. Maybe better results will be obtained this trip.

The so-called "petty officer" rating is an effective means of keeping the crew split up. Under this set-up unlicensed members of the crew who are holding down slightly more responsible berths—such as water tenders, electricians, bosuns and quartermasters—are

"petty officers." This "entitles" them to more consideration in food and living quarters. As a result members of the same union are divided into two "classes" aboard the ship. Because of this, unfortunately, too many lose their perspective as union men and seek only to hold their berth. Recognizing this, the headquarters branch of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union passed a motion which forbids the election of any petty officer as a ship's delegate.

Today the black gang delegate, tired of the job, relinquished it to the third electrician. More about the black gang next time.

(To be Continued)

## Interpretation of Current Events Is School Course

SAN FRANCISCO.—A class in the Marxian interpretation of current events, which will strip from the news as reported in the daily press its veneer of capitalist propaganda and reveal its true significance to the working class, will be one of the most interesting of the courses to be given at the San Francisco Workers' School, at 121 Haight street beginning Wednesday, May 20th.

Events of tremendous international importance, such as the latest developments of the anti-fascist struggles being waged by the People's front in Spain and France, will be discussed in relation to their significance to the developments of the Farmer-Labor Party in the United States. National and state legislation of social significance, the effects of the "new deal" on the trade unions and the unemployed, the significance of the forces aligned in the presidential campaign, the latest attacks upon the people by the Hearst and Liberty League forces, the struggle in the American Federation of Labor between the forces of industrial and craft unionism—all these and other headline material of the ensuing two months will be reviewed in this class.

The class will be more than educational. It will be a guide to action. Trade unionists especially are urged to attend this course so that they can react in accordance with the best interests of the working class when questions such as the appeal being made by the Labor for Roosevelt League for support comes up in their unions.

The class will be taught by Lee McConnell, who, because of her past record of working class educational activity, is particularly well qualified to lead in the discussion of world and local news flashes. She has taught a number of other classes in the Workers' School, besides being a lecturer of extensive experience.

For information on all classes, come up or write to the Workers' School, Room 3, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

What Is Communism? By Earl Browder; the Vanguard Press, New York, 1935. 254 pages; price 50 cents.

## The People's Health

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

### JACK CRANE UNDER THE KNIFE

About 10 months ago I entered San Quentin in prison. Not as an inmate, but in order to inspect the dispensary and hospital. Tall, angling, gray-haired Dr. Stanley was busy there, together with several young physicians, assisted by prisoners acting as orderlies.

I was invited to go on rounds to see the hospital patients. Stanley, myself and a young physician with whom I had interned at another hospital, went rapidly from one to another of the small, neat, plain cells that serve as hospital rooms.

While I was pre-occupied with the charts in one of the cells I was startled to hear Dr. Stanley make a sarcastic remark about Leo Gallagher to the patient. Surprised, I looked at the name at the top of the chart and read there, "Crane, Jack."

### DRIVEN FROM HOSPITAL

After a short discussion, Stanley made what seemed to me a hasty diagnosis of ulcers of the stomach. Then he brusquely said to Jack Crane, "We'll operate tomorrow."

Crane seemed to be very nervous as he refused to allow the operation without thinking it over. Thereupon, Stanley, in a cold sort of voice, said, "Alright, you can get out of the hospital."

So poor Jack Crane, because of the brutal carelessness and indifference of Dr. Stanley and other prison officials has been forced to spend the last 10 months in the customary grueling prison treadmill, in spite of being quite ill most of the time. He has been forced to work at hard labor in the jute mill and has been given the usual coarse prison fare to eat. Such a life could easily kill any patient with ulcers of the stomach, or any other intestinal disease, for that matter.

### A MIS-DIAGNOSIS

Recently Dr. Stanley operated on Jack, after refusing to allow a surgeon chosen by the International Labor Defense to assist him. According to the I. L. D., instead of stomach ulcers, appendicitis was found; the appendix having grown to the stomach wall.

Not only was the mismanagement of Crane's case a disgrace, but such a mis-diagnosis is a downright scandal. There are many methods by which an appendicitis may be easily differentiated from stomach ulcers. Any X-Ray specialist can determine whether there are ulcers in the stomach or not. In Crane's case, if an examination of the stomach contents had been made no increase in the amount of juices would have been shown. Ulcers nearly always cause more juices to be produced. If a blood count had been taken during an attack of pain it would probably have been above normal, which would have pointed directly to appendicitis.

### STOP PERSECUTION

All of these procedures are done almost as a routine in such cases. Evidently the red-baiter, Stanley, neglected them because Crane is in prison for fighting for the working class and not for robbing a bank.

Such cruel persecution of political prisoners in San Quentin must be stopped. Demand should be made on the Prison Board that political prisoners be allowed to have outside doctors of their own choosing on consultation, and paid for by the state. Otherwise, there are no limits to which such red-baiting anti-labor officials as Stanley may go in persecuting the political.

Also demand should be made for Crane's immediate release.

## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

### COMMUNIST PARTY

The May issue of *The Communist*, just stocked, represents a broad cross section of the American scene. The Negro Congress, floods and food control, the Akron strike and organizational experiences in New York are a few of the subjects treated. Also there is an article by R. Doonping on Japan, Outer Mongolia and the Chinese liberation movement.

Alex Bittelman's review of the month should be read consistently by every Party member.

The April issue of *The Communist International* is still good reading, especially in view of the recent events in Spain and France. Andre Marty reviews the Eighth Congress of the Communist Party of France.

### FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Earl Browder's March 5 radio talk made history in more ways than one. It still is making history and will keep on making history for many months to come. Now it's out in pamphlet form—*The Communist Position in 1936*, by Earl Browder, price 2 cents.



## HOLLYWOOD NOTES

The Screen Actors' Guild has accredited the best screen performances for March to: Paul Muni in the Story of Louis Pasteur, Jean Hersholt in the Country Doctor, and Bonita Granville in These Three. These films were rated the best of the month.

A party for the benefit of the American League Against War and Fascism was sponsored recently by Clara Weatherwax, Lionel Stander, Carey McWilliams, John Bright, Ray Mayer, Sam Jaffe and Robert Tasker.

A Scottsboro benefit party was sponsored recently by Mary Astor, James Cagney, Fred Keating, Fred March, Lewis Milestone, Clarence Muse, Dorothy Parker, Bill Robinson, Donald Ogden Stewart and Franchot Tone.

Both parties were huge successes with Hollywood luminaries attending en masse.

Elizabeth Bergner and her husband, Paul Cramer, have signed to make films for five years for United Artists.

Alexander Korda's film, Things To Come, based on H. G. Wells' story, has been banned in Hungary as advocating Freemasonry, and being anti-religious and pacifistic.

Twentieth Century-Fox will shortly put Will Rogers' Connecticut Yankee back on the market as a feature. If it goes well, all Rogers films will be periodically re-issued.

Freddie Bartholomew has imprinted his footprints in wet cement in front of Gramercy's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood. Any kid with feet exactly matching prints of Freddie's is admitted free to see Little Lord Fauntleroy.

RKO has purchased a Hungarian play on the life of Marie Bashkirtseff, for Katherine Hepburn to star in.

Also at RKO, Erwin Slaw, author of the sensational anti-war play, Bury the Dead, is adapting a college football story called The Big Game for screen production.

Dudley Nichols, prize scenario writer, is making the adaptation of Matthew Josephson's Rubber Barons, which will be called The Life of Jim Fisk on the screen.

William Faulkner is doing a screen adaptation of Kipling's Gunga Din.

Max Reinhardt's second film will be a life of Danton, and word has it that the real revolutionary aspects of the great French revolutionist's life will be shown.

### THE FILM GUIDE

**THE STORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR:** The drama and color of the famous scientist's life, which was made an ordeal by reactionary physicians, built into an excellent movie. Recommended.

**MODERN TIMES:** Not only one of Chaplin's finest pictures, but a sharp commentary on capitalist life. Recommended.

**THESE THREE:** Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bonita Granville in a sensitively told story of reputations ruined by gossip. Recommended.

**MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN:** A picture worth seeing. The same director and author of It Happened One Night. Gary Cooper gives a brilliant performance as the small town poet who inherits \$20,000,000 and undergoes sanity proceedings for helping the unemployed. Recommended.

**THE MILKY WAY:** A sparkling comedy of a tenderhearted milkman's rise to stardom with Adolph Menjou, Verne Teasdale and Lionel Stander giving Harold Lloyd more help than he's ever had before. Recommended.

(NOTE: Most recommendations in this column are made on a basis of the entertainment value of the film. It does not mean that we consider them ideal or that we are unconscious of the flaws of fact and ideology with which most capitalist films are peppered.)

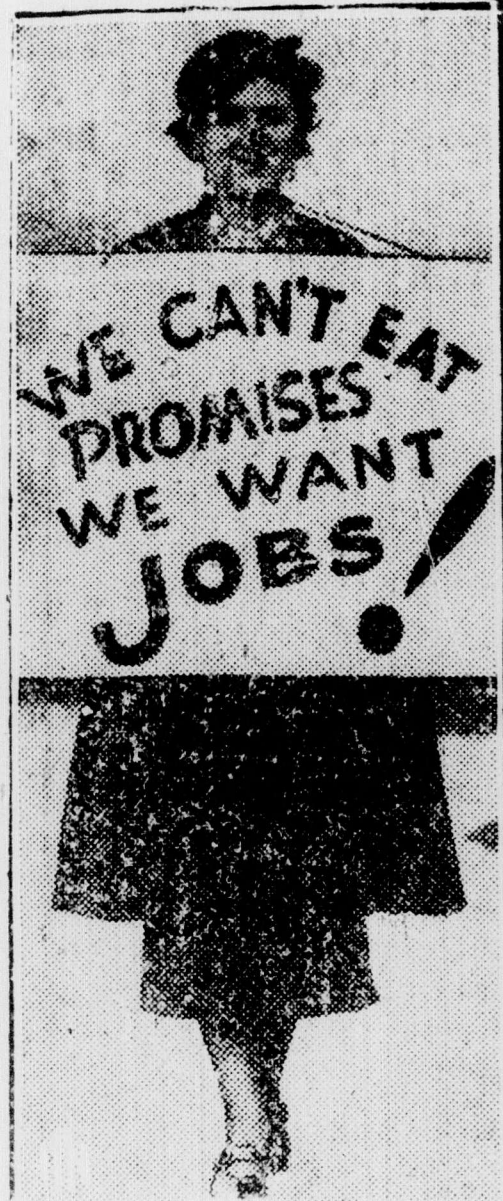
**SAN FRANCISCO:** The breaking of a huge cable clamp resulted in serious injuries to four workers on the Golden Gate Bridge job. The victims were crushed. They had to be carried down the windswept narrow catwalk in stretchers.

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# THE CAMERA VIEWS A CHANGING WORLD



Upper left—Rumanian soldiers arresting a student for participating in an election demonstration at Bucharest. He faces a prison term.



Above—What the well dressed girl is wearing. Upper right—Sam Mazzuto (wearing hat), N. J. garment factory boss, getting the worst of an argument with a girl picket outside his strike-closed shop. The police interceded and arrested her for disturbing the peace.



Lower left—Anew depression industry springs up in "Merry" England.



Lower right—Hot jazz for Soviet night clubs. The band in the Cafe Mosleya in Moscow tuning up for a night of socialized hey-de-ho.

## Soviets Build \$290,000,000 Film Plant and 35,000 Movie Theatres

### HOLLYWOOD EDITOR IS ALARMED BY TREMENDOUS GROWTH

**HOLLYWOOD**—(Hollywood News Bureau)—An admission that the big threat in the production of motion pictures is coming from a source Hollywood least expects, the Soviet Union, was made recently in a stoned editorial in the Hollywood Reporter, a motion picture trade paper, by William R. Wilkerson, the publisher. The publication, known to be financed by Hollywood producers, has an anti-labor policy.

The editorial followed on the heels of the announcement this week that Leon Feuchtwanger, noted German novelist, will go to Moscow late this year to adapt his novel, "The Ugly Duchess" for Soviet films.

The editorial declares: **ASTOUNDING PROGRESS**—"We have an idea that the big threat in the production of motion pictures is going to come from a source you least expect—RUSSIA."

"There have been pictures made under the Soviet supervision, released here during the past three or four years, that showed astounding progress, particularly in the technical division of their production. They know the camera angles; they have a keen sense of lighting and production values; they have some good actors, excellent writers and astonishing directors. That they have been under the supervision and as a result of the dictates of the Soviet, accounts for their lack of entertainment, because they were designed for propaganda purposes.

"However, this year Russia is going to work on a maximum of twelve and a minimum of six pictures minus all propaganda, and devised solely for entertainment and a ballyhoo for Russian progress. And they have everything to do with it."

#### STUDIO CITY

"The new studio city in the South of Russia has more stage space than all Hollywood put together. They have spent TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS (not rubles) on the construction of this gigantic plant and on their 35,000 picture theatres scattered throughout all of Russia. America received better than \$10,000,000 of

## Women on the March

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

A hotel worker sends us the following:

We American women have from our early childhood been taught that we are the Divine Creation of the Universe, beautiful, dim, delicate, and at the same time immensely intelligent. Therefore we are to be loved, sheltered and protected.

This sounds all very fine over the radio and in print, and as long as the boss owned press can keep us believing such things, they can keep us the worst enemies of our very own family, our husband and children, as we quickly find out when we go job hunting. Then it is another story. This divine creature, who is much too precious to need to organize for her protection, finds out what she is really thought of.

Here is my experience at a day's job hunting. Already at eight in the morning a long line of workers have accumulated at the employment agency. It is a tense moment. You are to go on the auction block for sale to any bidder. We are all of us made up and dressed to look our very best. We are very carefully looked over, a few privileged ones picked out of line here and there, and when that is over, the rest of us have to fight for what is left.

The first in line is a waitress... tall, with a head of beautiful bright red hair. After being interviewed for fifteen minutes regarding character and speed she is told the job is non-union, broken hours, and she is not the type. She begs to be sent out, to be given a trial, a chance to earn a living, but she is turned away; let her worry about how she is going to live!

I am next inquiring about a job as mangle feeder in a laundry. The same third degree takes place, and after a quarter of an hour of nerve-racking cross-examination I am told I am not husky enough. But they have a hotel maid job. Would I like to try it? If I have \$5 with me, they will give me the address. Of course they know all we want is a job, any kind of a job, a way to make a living; at least bread and butter and a roof over our heads. So I pay my last \$5 for the address, and here is what I get—I whom not 'husky enough for the laundry!

I would have to work seven days, as there is no relief maid, and eight hours. Well, it might be hard to finish in six, as I would have fifty rooms—that means 50 beds, 50 wash basins,

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